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## Enhanced licences on provincial agenda

**SECURITY** Nova Scotia is working with the other Atlantic provinces to develop an enhanced driver's licence. The licence could be used as an alternative to a passport to ease land and sea travel to the U.S.

"Enhanced driver's licences are being introduced in other provinces," said Jamie Muir, minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. "We are determining the necessary next steps for a similar program to help simplify border crossing by land and sea, while maintaining safety and security."

Earlier this year, Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba announced plans to have an enhanced driver's licence within a year. A pilot project is being tested in British Columbia.

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## Have a safe weekend

**Metro will not be publishing Labour Day. The next edition will appear Tuesday.**

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## Anniversary of crash nears

## Local page 3

**Urbanites prep for Keith Urban**



Passengers scheduled to fly on Zoom Airlines were stranded from coast to coast yesterday, as Zoom, a low-cost transatlantic carrier, has begun insolvency proceedings after high fuel costs and a downturn in the economy pushed it to cancel all flights.

## Closure hits customers in the pocketbook

The failure of Zoom Airlines doesn't just leave hundreds of passengers stranded — it could cost them thousands of dollars. Most flight insurance doesn't cover an airline going under. So not only are passengers stuck with a non-refund-

able ticket that's now useless, they also have to find last-minute flights during one of the busiest times of the year. Some passengers talked about having to spend \$3,000 to get their families back to Ottawa or London. "It's been financial-

ly very painful, otherwise very painful, and we didn't sleep properly or eat properly," said 83-year-old passenger Om Dahm. "I've been travelling all around the world and never had such a bad experience."

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# Zoom cancels flights

Passengers stranded as airline files for bankruptcy

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**Over 200 people are stranded at Halifax Stanfield International Airport after discount carrier Zoom Airlines unexpectedly filed for bankruptcy and shut down.**

Now passengers are in limbo, the airport is holding an airplane as collateral for hundreds of thousands of dollars of debt, staff have refused to work, and through it all, no one seems to be able to reach a Zoom official.

It started Wednesday night when a Zoom flight was stalled in Halifax for seven hours on the way to Ottawa and then back to London. Needing a part, the flight was rescheduled and the 213 passengers were put up in hotels. In the morning they boarded the plane, then were taken off again with no explanation.

"They put us in a room and left us there for a while. Someone in there had an iPhone or something and they found out there was something going on with Zoom. So they stood up on a table, told everyone to be

quiet and announced what was going on," said passenger Anthony Aldous, who was travelling back to England with his wife.

So far, Aldous hasn't managed to get a hold of any Zoom official. Their telephone line isn't being answered and the website just has an announcement that all flights are grounded. He now may have to wait up to a week to get a flight back to England.

The plane was grounded because ground crews across the country refused to load baggage. The Ottawa-based airline owes Halifax airport alone \$200,000.

Airport spokesman Peter Spurway said they would hold onto Zoom's airplane as collateral against their debt and consult a lawyer.

Passengers scrambled to find flights, but few were available.

"Unfortunately this is the last week of the summer travel season. It's extremely busy," said Spurway. "It's a really difficult set of circumstances for these folks."

**"They put us in a room and left us there."**

Anthony Aldous

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## N.S. health chief calms fears as cheese linked to listeriosis

**INFECTION** The listeriosis scare has spread to cheese, but Nova Scotia's chief public health officer says we don't need to worry.

At least 15 deaths have been linked to the outbreak at the Maple Leaf meat plant in Toronto. Two Quebec cheeses were pulled from shelves yesterday in an unrelated listeriosis outbreak.

"Part of the (Quebec) investigation would be looking at distribution, and if there was something broader, that would have been communicated," Dr Robert Strang said yesterday.

Strang said there had been no Nova Scotia cases of listeriosis reported as of yesterday. He said that for healthy people, tainted meat or cheese pose little risk. At worst, they would suffer vomiting and diarrhea.

But he emphasized pregnant women, the elderly and immune-compromised people should avoid listeriosis-linked products

### Brands

- The pulled Quebec cheeses, Riopelle de l'île and Mont-Jacob, are not believed to be sold in Nova Scotia.

at all times. The last category includes transplant patients and those in cancer treatment.

Signs of infection are severe headaches, stiff necks and confusion. Suspected cases should be reported to a family doctor.

Strang said pregnant women might not face much risk to themselves, but could miscarry or deliver stillborn.

"If the woman is infected at the time of delivery, it can cause a severe infection in their newborn," he added.

Listeriosis can be treated with anti-biotics.

"We recommend (at-risk groups) avoid foods that are at increased risk of listeriosis," he said. That includes soft and unpasteurized cheeses, hot dogs and deli meats.

## Fire damages office

### Warehouse blaze forces evacuation

JON TATTIE  
for Metro Halifax

**A fire broke out in a Burnside office-supplies business yesterday morning.**

Smoke billowed from the loading docks of Atlantic Business Interiors' Troop Avenue office at 11:30 a.m. A passing motorist spotted the fire and phoned police, but staff were already evacuating the building.

A group of employees stood in the parking lot as dozens of firefighters scoured the warehouse to make sure the fire was out. "Someone said, 'Fire!' and we got out," said one worker, who didn't want his name published. He saw the fire near paint supplies.

Atlantic Business Interiors provides office furniture. Datarite, a sister company on the same premises, works with companies such as Xerox, Lexmark and Epson, and the warehouse was full of paper.

Pat Keating, acting platoon chief for the Halifax fire department, said crews responded to a call at 11:40 a.m.

"We encountered heavy smoke from the two rear-



Fire crews make sure a blaze is out in Atlantic Business Interiors' Burnside office yesterday.

bay doors," Keating said. Crews went inside and found that most of the fire had been put down by the sprinkler system.

"We have investigators

here now," Keating added. "Damage is limited to some smoke and water damage, with fire damage (limited) to what appears to be more product than structure."

## Retirement home talks break down

**UNION** Talks broke down Tuesday between 35 members of the Service Employees International Union and their employer, Melville Heights Retirement Facility in Halifax.

The service union has filed a request for the province to appoint a conciliator.

The sticking points in negotiations are wages and sick days. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Tuesday's Metro DVD Reviews

Get the lowdown on the top DVD releases of the week.



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## Holiday waste pickup

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JON TATTRIE FOR METRO HALIFAX

Coun. Krista Snow checks to make sure Emily the dragon is in good shape yesterday.

## Found: One green paper mache dragon

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Halifax



Emily the dragon got a police escort home this week. The well-loved landmark was stolen from her Miller Lake home Aug. 18. Police launched a dragon-hunt for the fiberglass-covered papier mache head.

She was found earlier this week near a playground in New Glasgow. Police have no idea how the dragon made the 140-kilometre journey.

"She is in my vehicle right now," Coun. Krista Snow said yesterday. The representative for Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank made the heavy four-foot long dragon herself six years ago to replace a version that had been stolen.

A New Glasgow police officer was coming into Halifax Wednesday night and

**"I'm glad to have her back."**

Counc. Krista Snow

brought the dragon along. "I'm glad to have her back," Snow said as she drove Emily to Miller Lake. "It's just a matter of getting her back in the lake as soon as possible."

That could happen as soon as Saturday. Snow is talking with the Boy Scouts who put the dragon in the water at the start of summer and take her out in the fall. Emily will have another month to swim in the lake before wintering in Snow's house.

"I guess we probably won't know (her stole her)," Snow sighed.

Asked why she crafted the dragon in the first place, she said: "The lake was just so bare for so long, it needed something there. I thought, how hard can it be?"

"It's a lot of fun to do, but not as easy as it looks."

# Halifax gets a little bit country this weekend

Fans of Keith Urban are gearing up for his concert at The Commons

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**Keith Urban fans are digging out their cowboy hats and gearing up for tomorrow's country music concert on the Halifax Common.**

Staff at the Rodeo Lounge and Restaurant in Dartmouth could barely contain their excitement as they prepped for the show's after-party yesterday.

"He's making country young again," said owner Carla Balsor, who loves his songs. She Looks Good In My Shirt and Stupid Boy. "He is hot and just so talented. He plays so many instruments."

Shannon Greenwell from Clayton Park West says she's thrilled a big country star is finally coming to Halifax. In the past, she says she's had to travel to Moncton to see country acts.

"I've always enjoyed his music even before he made it big," said the 35-year-old. "I just can't wait to see him."

The show's producer, Harold MacKay of Power Promotional Events, says everything is going according to plan for the day-long concert, which also features Gretchen Wilson, Great Big Sea, Jimmy Rankin, Johnny Reid, Charlie Major



LINDSAY JONES FOR METRO HALIFAX

Crews on the Halifax Common assembled a stage for the Country Rocks 2008 concert tomorrow. Sound checks begin this afternoon.

and Aaron Pritchett.

MacKay said Keith Urban arrives this afternoon. His wife, Hollywood actress Nicole Kidman, isn't coming.

MacKay wouldn't say how many tickets have sold, but said sales are going fine. He's hoping to sell at 25,000 and maybe more if the weather cooperates.

"The Common is such a convenient site and people know it's a rather big site. People don't necessarily have to buy in advance," MacKay said.

He said he hopes to capitalize on the 33,000 university students who arrive in Halifax this weekend, by offering \$69 student zone tickets.

### Urban help

• Concert promoter Harold MacKay says the Keith Urban concert may help bring more big acts to the Halifax Common. "I've got a couple of very important industry people showing up... checking the city out."

## Annual Labour Day address stresses pay equity for women

**EMPLOYMENT** The president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour says more gains are needed in health care.

In a Labour Day message, Rick Clarke said long wait times and the need for recruitment and retention programs of health care providers are concerns.

Clarke said unions would improve wages and job security for women working

full-time all year. They earn only about 70 per cent as much as men. Women of colour earn only 64 per cent and aboriginal women make 46 per cent.

Overall, he said unions promote equality in society, advocating for strong human rights laws, public health care, pay equity, better pension laws and higher minimum wages.

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# Doc returns for memorial

Dr. Butt, Nova Scotia's former chief medical examiner, returning for anniversary of Swiss Air tragedy

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**Two nights after the crash, the doctor was standing at the podium in one of the tents, the last to speak to family members and media after a line of officials.**

He knew he had to say something about the condition of the bodies.

"I said that I was sorry to tell them that they would never see their loved one again — which had not been said," said Dr. John C. Butt, Nova Scotia's former chief medical examiner.

Family members knew no one had survived the crash, but they were not aware of the condition of the bodies.

The families appreciated finally hearing the truth, he said from his office in Vancouver, where he works in forensic medicine and pathology.

On the night of Sept. 2, 1998, after the MD-11 aircraft plunged into the Atlantic, killing on impact all 229 people on board, Butt was charged with leading a team of pathologists to sort and identify the millions of pieces of human remains recovered.

The adrenalin-filled nights and days that followed linger vividly in his



Dr. John C. Butt, former chief medical examiner for Nova Scotia, is returning to Halifax today so he can take part in a memorial event for the tenth anniversary of Swissair Flight 111 at the Bayswater memorial.

mind.

"When one has been involved in an incident like Swissair, I think that it doesn't leave your mind; but that isn't to say that it has done me any harm," he said.

He doesn't dwell on the tragedy in a morbid way, he said.

"There was a palpable demonstration of kindness and humanity and I was privileged to be there and participate in that," he said.

And his demonstration of compassion during those first days has stayed with others.

"We always liked Dr. Butt," said Miles Gerety, the brother of Pierce Gerety who was killed in the crash. "Because he cried when he spoke to us."

Today, Dr. Butt is on his way back to Nova Scotia and will reconnect with families of the victims of Swissair Flight 111 on the tenth anniversary next Tuesday.

## Flight 111 facts

- When: Sept. 2, 1998.
- Where: Atlantic Ocean off Peggy's Cove.
- Casualties: 215 passengers, 14 crew.
- Cause: Fire in the cockpit ignited by faulty wiring of an in-flight entertainment system.
- Plane: McDonnell Douglas MD-11 jet heading to Geneva, Switzerland from New York City.
- Investigation: Run by Transportation Safety Board of Canada; completed March 23, 2003, citing 23 recommendations.
- Results: Investigation yielded

ed safety recommendations such as: increasing recording capacity of cockpit voice recorders to two hours from 30 minutes; raising fire retardant standards thermal insulation blankets; stricter regulations for testing standards of new wiring systems on older aircraft.

• 10 years later, only six of the 23 recommendations have received a rating of 'fully satisfactory' by the Transportation Safety Board of Canada.

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## News in brief

**SYDNEY** One of the leading contenders for the contract to dredge the access channel to Sydney harbour outlined its expertise and plans for the job at a press conference in Sydney. The Belgium-based company Jan De Nul Dredging and Land Reclamation has been in Sydney since Monday, assessing such things as engineering issues, project challenges and environmental risks. The proposed project will see the dredging of almost nine kilometres of channel and the removal of several thousand tonnes of material at a cost of approximately \$35 million.

**ENVIRONMENT** While many economic positives are predicted to follow planned dredging of Sydney harbour, officials leading the proposal say no environmental damage is likely to come with the thousands of jobs from container traffic the project is expected to create. Jim Woolder of the Sydney Marine Group said efforts are underway to make the ongoing environment assessment as transparent as possible. "The fishermen are the key stakeholder group in the process," Woolder said. "There is a fishery in the channel and people earn their livelihood there fishing lobster and crab. The last thing we want to do is unnecessarily and recklessly complicate their lives."

**WIND POWER** So far, so good. That's the feeling of officials with Acciona Energy North America regarding their planned wind farm project near Amherst. "Everything is running according to plan right now," company spokesman Eric Schneider said from the company's North American headquarters in Chicago. Announced in May, the project includes the erection of 20, 1.5-megawatt wind turbines on the marsh near Exit 3 of the Trans-Canada Highway. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Halifax Water Attention - Downtown Halifax Road Construction



Ongoing work related to the Freshwater Brook Sewer Replacement project has the intersection of Barrington and Inglis Streets closed to through traffic.

Construction activity in this area is expected to continue until mid-September.

Local traffic will be maintained for residents and businesses on either side of the closure. Sidewalks will generally remain open, but some temporary closures will be required. These closures and alternate pedestrian routes will be marked on site.

Please note that shops and services at the end of Barrington and Inglis

Streets, adjacent to the work zone, will remain open during the construction period.

The typical hours of work are Monday to Friday, 7 A.M. to 7 P.M., and on weekends, as required.

Traffic control personnel will be on site to ensure smooth traffic flow. On-site personnel will also maintain communication with local residents and businesses to help minimize disruption.

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## Next week

## Flight 111

The tenth anniversary of the tragedy of Swissair Flight 111 is on Tuesday, Sept. 2. For full coverage of the changes made in aviation safety over the past decade and to hear the voices of those who lost loved ones in the crash, pick up a copy of Metro.

## Pictou Island work won't disrupt ferry

**ROAD REALIGNMENT** Work will begin soon to gravel and realign a section of Pictou Island Road.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal say roughly five kilometres of road from the west end to the

east end of the island requires work after erosion caused an embankment to partially collapse.

Area manager Troy Webb says gravel will be transported from the mainland by barge.

Ferry service is not ex-

pected to be interrupted during that time. Webb says he's not certain how long the work will take; the length of time depends on the company chosen to do the work.

Tenders close August 29.

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## News in brief

**BANKS** Scotiabank and CIBC reported lower earnings in the third quarter as credit losses continued to mount across the

banking sector, with both calling the market "challenging." While Scotiabank's total revenues rose 5.4 per cent to

\$3.4 billion, the bank was hit with \$159 million in credit loss provisions, up \$67 million from a year earlier. CIBC was less for-

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John Campbell, owner of the Sou'Wester Restaurant and Gift Shop, said the residents of Peggy's Cove have strong connections to the family members of the victims of Swissair Flight 111.

## Community at response centre

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**Around 11:30 p.m. on September 2, 1998, John Campbell noticed on the news that a small Cessna aircraft had crashed off the coast of Peggy's Cove.**

He's a resident of the Nova Scotia community and owned a whale-watching boat at the time; so he gathered his crew and sailed into the darkness in search of survivors.

They were shocked to discover it was nowhere near a Cessna that had gone down. "It was unbelievable," he said in a phone interview from his family's restaurant on Wednesday.

Campbell's was one of the first boats to come across the millions of shattered pieces of airplane fuselage and human remains from the crash of Swissair Flight 111.

For the next five days he worked 24 hours a day, ensuring the Sou'Wester Restaurant and Gift Shop remained open for RCMP, recovery workers, media and family members of the victims.

The event took over the small community, he said.

RCMP closed it off to outsiders for days and even Campbell's best friend couldn't get in.

A makeshift morgue was erected in the middle of the village where body parts from the wreckage were collected — little consideration given to the small children in the cove.

Fuel trucks to fill the tanks of boats involved in the recovery were turned away along with city garbage trucks.

**"A small community of 40 people should not have been impacted to the extreme it was."**

John Campbell

And although the event was touted as one of the most organized and coordinated responses to a large-scale emergency in Canada's history, Campbell says he's still disappointed with how the government treated the residents of his community.

"You know it was almost, in the end, thankless," he said.

For years Campbell was concerned about the impact the horrific images of those first weeks may have had on his daughter — only five years old at the time.

But when it was all over, there was no debriefing for the residents of Peggy's Cove.

"A small community of 40 people should not have been impacted to the extreme it was," he said.

Despite these lasting feelings, Campbell holds nothing but the fondest memories of the family members of victims he met that fall.

Every anniversary, for years after the crash, he continued to escort bereaved loved ones on his whale watching boat to the site.

"Some of them, you feel quite a connection with because of what happened," he said.

Next Tuesday, he'll repeat the trip out to the site — with a group of family members who lost loved ones that fateful day — and then share a meal with them at the Sou'Wester.



**Carnival of Resistance**

The Halifax Coalition Against Poverty is holding a Carnival of Resistance Saturday. Meet at 2501 Gottingen St. at 1 p.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Ruling in credit card theft case

A New Glasgow provincial court judge has sentenced Joy Hennessey to a suspended sentence and probation after she and her common-law partner Marco Saulnier ran up \$326.98 in charges on a stolen VISA card.

The judge was shocked that the thief was able to get away with using the stolen card, since it belonged to former premier John Hamm.

Hennessey stole the card out of Hamm's jacket pocket when he left it hanging in the cloak room of St. George's Anglican Church in New Glasgow. Hennessey told a store clerk she was Hamm's adopted daughter.

In fact, she was fuelling a drug habit.

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## Teenager injured in car accident

**HOSPITALIZED** A car hit a teenager in Halifax last night. A car stopped to let a 17-year-old man cross at the intersection of Binney and Robie streets around 8:30 p.m. A second vehicle passed on the left, striking the man. He was taken to hospital with minor injuries and the 62-year-old woman driver was charged with passing to the left at an unmarked crosswalk.

## Arson attempt in Dartmouth

**FIRE** A resident fled a house in Dartmouth after an arson attempt last night. The resident smelled gas and ran outside to find the siding on fire shortly before 9:30 a.m. Fire crews arrived at the home to the 500 block of Main Street, but the fire had already gone out. There was minimal damage and no injuries. It is not believed to have been a random attack.

## \$120K worth of drugs seized

**NARCOTICS** Police seized \$120,000 worth of drugs in Windsor yesterday. Two men were arrested after police searched their Centre Burlington residence and found a large amount of marijuana and cannabis oil. The two men were released on conditions and ordered to appear in court Oct. 7. The men have not been named.

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# Account surplus increases in Q2

**The current account surplus with the rest of the world (on a seasonally adjusted basis) expanded further to \$6.8 billion in Q2 2008, led by exports of goods.**

StatsCan says these gains were mainly attributable to higher prices for several exported commodities, which pushed the goods surplus to \$16.4 billion. Net transactions

in the capital and financial account were more subdued than in several previous quarters, with outflows of funds exceeding inflows.

There was strong foreign

demand for Canadian securities, in particular bonds, while foreign direct investment into Canada slowed significantly.

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away from foreign debt instruments in favour of equity, while Canadian direct investment and other investment flows moderated.

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# Students get loan aid

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**POST-SECONDARY** Taxpayers in Nova Scotia are on the hook for \$10 million of defaulted student loans each year. Thirty per cent of student loan borrowers in the province fall into this category and a new direct-lend system from the province will reduce that number.

"If we can give them programs to ease the burden,

then the default rate will lessen," Education Minister Karen Casey said.

The system, announced in January, means students pay two per cent less interest this year. Students who began repaying loans after Nov. 1, 2007 will benefit.

NDP post-secondary education critic Leonard Preyra said the move would be more effective if the system applied to Canada Student Loans, too. "It will be a real system

of federalism to see if one system can talk to the other system and develop a one-stop shop," he said.

The province is working toward just that, Education Department spokesman Dan Harrison said.

Other announcements new for students include a programs to help them avoid defaulting on their loan payments, and one that converts the first 20 per cent of a student loan to a grant.



Paris Meilleur, executive director of Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations, and Kaley Kennedy of the Canadian Federation of Students, speak to reporters yesterday.

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## Paper-free loans arriving

New system will cut wait times, not debt, for students

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**Student loans are going paper-free, but it will only save students time, not money.**

Education Minister Karen Casey yesterday announced a new streamlined student loan process to cut the waiting period in half.

"Students can avoid waiting in line to have their applications processed for a loan," Casey said. "They can do the full application online and we predict that that will reduce the amount of processing time from four to five weeks, to two to three weeks."

Student groups commended the move, but said it doesn't change the fact tuition is still too high.

Kaley Kennedy of the Canadian Federation of

Students said university graduates still face huge amounts — on average \$28,000 — of debt.

"Our hope is that some of the cost-savings that are seen from (recently-announced) programs ... will ensure we can see more grants," she said.

The average price of tuition in Nova Scotia was \$5,878 last year — that was \$1,354 more than the national average, according to Statistics Canada. New numbers will be released next month.

Paris Meilleur, executive director of Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations, said an even bigger issue is the differential tuition fees.

Nova Scotia students pay \$761 less tuition this year than their out-of-province counterparts. Quebec is the only other province to do so.

**"That will reduce processing time ... to two to three weeks."**

Karen Casey

### News in brief

**WORK** Not many of us are working nine to five anymore, and in fact, Canadians are working almost three hours more each week than our employers expect. Add that up and we're working an average of 145 extra hours each year. According to the Workopolis Hardest Working Canadians Study, the top three factors that determine hard work are: a high degree of responsibility, a high level of concentration or mental effort and a heavier than average work load. Overall, 32 per cent of Canadians surveyed indicated they're working 'too hard', while 59 per cent thought that work levels were 'just right'.

**UNIVERSITY** Aecon Group Inc.'s Atlantic Buildings Division has been awarded a Construction Management contract for the new \$27 million Academic Building at Dalhousie University. The project involves the demolition of the existing tower structure and a church hall and the subsequent construction of a 104,000 square-foot Academic Building. The new building will be four floors above ground, plus a penthouse and basement housing mechanical rooms. The new Academic Building will also include an atrium to separate the classroom wing from the Faculty office spaces.

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## Texas state troopers used in B.C., says report

The Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP released a new report yesterday that said the RCMP contravened its own policy by allowing direct policing in British Columbia by Texas state troopers. The report said the troopers were involved in several traffic stops. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Canada

**"I don't know what all the hoop and holla is."**

Chilliwack, B.C., bar owner Tony Lecce defending his decision to hire strippers to work in his bar. Lecce cited the province's smoking laws as a reason his bar is hurting.



## Strippers

The Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce has cracked down on the Vault establishment and has said the image of strippers does not fit in their community.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

## Bloc, NDP to meet with PM

Layton calling Harper's bluff

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will be clear to launch a federal election as early as this weekend after he meets with two of the three opposition party leaders, Conservative sources say.

Harper will meet with NDP leader Jack Layton and Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Duceppe this weekend.

The meetings aren't likely to throw the election march off course. Duceppe has vowed to introduce a motion of non-confidence in the government as soon as possible. And Layton, who initially said the prime minister should not



**"I think the fix is in. I think he's going through a charade here."**

Jack Layton

ask Governor-General Michaëlle Jean to dissolve Parliament, is now calling Harper's bluff.

"I'm going to tell him that if you want to quit your job, I'm going to apply for it," he told CBC-TV from Denver. "I think the fix is in. I think he's going through a charade here."

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## Funeral Canadian soldier



Lisa Schamehorn, centre, wife of Sgt. Shawn Eades touches his casket with their daughters Niya, 4, left, and Breanna, 7, during a military funeral at Beechwood Military Cemetery in Ottawa, yesterday. Eades was killed by a improvised explosive device while on patrol in the Zharey District of Afghanistan on August 20.

## Ontario responds to propane blast

**SAFETY REVIEW** The Ontario government yesterday announced a comprehensive safety review of storage, handling, location and transport of propane in Ontario, following the Toronto blast last month.

The review will focus on propane-related laws and regulation compared with internationally-recognized best practices.

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## News in brief

**HARGROVE** Departing CAW chief Buzz Hargrove says he has decided not to run for the Liberals in the coming election despite being approached by Stéphane Dion and other party heavyweights.

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An American man attempting to cross the Canada-United States border at Woodstock, N.B., has been arrested after authorities found a laptop containing child pornography. Carlo Lee, 49, of Alex, Okla., was charged with the possession of child pornography yesterday. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

## Radiation considered for meat

Food safety experts are baffled why the Canadian government has not yet allowed food producers to zap meat and produce with enough radiation to kill deadly bacteria that cause outbreaks of food-borne disease.

Health Canada said Wednesday that it is considering approving the irradiation of meats by early 2009. But experts say the announcement, which

**"It's become obvious that a catastrophe has to happen before the technology can move forward"**

Dennis Olson, Iowa State University

rolled-out in the wake of a nation-wide outbreak of Listeriosis monocytogenes linked to ready-to-eat meats, is too late in coming.

"It's become obvious that a catastrophe has to happen before the technol-

ogy can move forward," said Dennis Olson, a professor at Iowa State University and an international expert on irradiation.

The U.S. approved irradiation in 2000. Critics say irradiation excuses food producers and governments

from following safety protocols and are concerned that it reduces the nutritional quality of foods or turns them radioactive.

The majority of food safety experts are convinced that adopting irradiation would make our food production systems safer. Irradiation technology has been endorsed by the World Health Association, said Olson.

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## Harper Names Icebreaker



Prime Minister Stephen Harper delivers a speech announcing a new Polar class Arctic Icebreaker for the Canadian north to be named after former Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker, in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, yesterday.

## Election-style ad casts Harper as family man

**TELEVISION** The federal election has yet to be called but the battle on the airwaves has already started.

The Conservatives today launch a new television ad portraying Prime Minister Stephen Harper as a "straight up guy" and a family man.

The 30-second ad features a variety of people singing the praises of the Prime Minister and is aimed at placing Harper "squarely on the side of ordinary people with Dion being totally out of touch with his carbon tax," one Tory strategist said yesterday.

Environment Minister John Baird, attending a cabinet committee meeting in Inuvik, N.W.T., said the ads are designed to outline the government's accomplishments and the difference "we are making



John Baird

in families across (Canada)," and to concentrate "on the strong leadership of Mr. Harper."

A Liberal strategist said the fact that Tories feel they have to showcase Harper in a favourable light shows they have fears about the public perceptions of the prime minister.

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## Energy exports keeping Canadian economy up

**MONEY** High prices for energy exports boosted Canada's current account surplus in the second quarter, but the gain fell short of expectations and cements the view that quarterly economic growth will be tepid at best.

The surplus rose to \$6.76 billion from a downwardly revised second-quarter surplus of \$4.46 billion, Statistics Canada said yesterday.

"Clearly, export prices matter as much as volumes when it comes to Canada's balance of payments, and commodities in particular, have been keeping Canada on track toward a decade of quarterly current account surpluses," said Krishen Rangasamy of CIBC World Markets in a note to clients.

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**Preschool provides a long-term boost, study says**

The United States will fall behind other countries in education if it does not embrace pre-schooling, the author of a British study said Thursday. Children at age 10 who had attended preschool scored 27 percent higher in math, and performed better in other subjects as well. **REUTERS**

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# World



## No holy water in carry-ons

The Vatican has warned journalists who will travel with Pope Benedict to Lourdes next month not to put the revered water from the shrine in their hand luggage on the papal plane or it may be confiscated. The millions of pilgrims who visit the shrine each year drink from the site's fonts, many believing its water to be potentially miraculous. Most take bottles of it away with them. **REUTERS**

**News in brief**

**MEXICO** The Supreme Court upheld a law allowing abortions in Mexico City yesterday, handing a victory to leftist city lawmakers over the country's government and the Roman Catholic Church. In an 8-3 vote, judges ruled not to overturn a city law approved in 2007 that legalizes abortions on demand during the first trimester of pregnancy and established free public clinics. The decision is being trumpeted as a precedent-setter for the country, and for other Latin American nations.

**INDIA** The Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, has been admitted to a hospital in India with "abdominal discomfort" but there was no cause for concern, doctors said. The spiritual leader, who cancelled two trips abroad after he complained of fatigue, was "cheerful" after reaching the Mumbai hospital, a spokesman said.

**REUTERS**

## 'We are a better country than this'

**Barack Obama, preparing to take a historic step as the Democratic presidential nominee, launched a sharp assault on Republican rival John McCain yesterday and promised to reverse the economic failures of the last eight years.**

Obama, the first black White House nominee of a major U.S. party, said McCain had supported the policies of President Bush that were responsible for the faltering U.S. economy.

"We are here because we love this country too much to let the next four years look just like the last eight," Obama said in his speech at the packed Invesco Field stadium in Denver, where the party's national convention has been

taking place this week.

"On Nov. 4th, we must stand up and say: 'Eight is enough,'" he said. "We are a better country than this."

Obama said McCain was out of touch with the day-to-day concerns of Americans and had been "anything but independent" on issues like the economy, health care and education.

"It's not because John McCain doesn't care. It's because John McCain doesn't get it," he said.

Obama delivered the biggest speech in a career filled with big speeches before 75,000 supporters on the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech — a landmark in the U.S. civil rights movement. **REUTERS**

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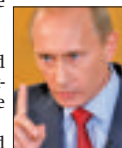


Barack Obama acknowledges the audience before delivering his presidential nomination acceptance speech at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colo.

## U.S. stoking conflict: Putin

**GEORGIA** Russia faced increased diplomatic isolation over its military action against Georgia yesterday. Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said he suspected the United States had provoked the Georgia conflict, heightening tension through a naval presence in the Black Sea and create "a competitive advantage for one of the candidates fighting for the post of U.S. president."

Moscow has defied pressure from the U.S. and European nations to pull out of Georgia and instead looked east to its Asian allies, including China, for support at a regional summit. **REUTERS**



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# Gulf Coast readies for Gustav

**Tropical Storm Gustav hit Jamaica with near hurricane-force winds yesterday after killing at least 60 people elsewhere in the Caribbean, and was on a path to reach New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico oil fields as potentially a powerful hurricane.**

Energy companies prepared for Gustav to deliver what could be the hardest hit to the U.S. Gulf oil patch since the devastating 2005 hurricane season. Oil prices rose above \$120 a barrel in early trade yesterday, adding to two days of gains as Gustav aimed deep into gas platforms off Louisiana and Texas.

Oil prices rose above \$120 a barrel in early trade on Thursday, adding to gains all week, as Gustav aimed deep into the heavy concentration of oil and natural gas platforms.

The U.S. government and the International Energy Agency pledged to release emergency stockpiles if Gustav disrupts production in the area, which provides



A dog and its owner walk through a flooded street in Havana, Cuba Monday. Torrential rains hit the city as forecasters predicted Hurricane Gustav would skirt the western coast of Cuba and enter the Gulf of Mexico as a powerful Category 3 hurricane by Sunday.

the U.S. with a quarter of its crude oil and 15 percent of its natural gas.

New Orleans remained in the range of possible land-fall locations on the U.S. Gulf Coast. Residents were on alert for possible evacua-

tions from Friday.

In Jamaica, shops, post offices and schools shut their doors and authorities ordered nonessential workers to stay home as Gustav neared and began buffeting the island with high winds

and torrential rains that soaked sugar cane fields.

Gustav barged ashore as a hurricane in Haiti Tuesday, killing at least 59 people there and in the neighboring Dominican Republic.

**REUTERS**

## Monsoon floods eastern India

**DISASTER** Indian army troops helped evacuate more than 120,000 people from floods in eastern India, but more bad weather raised fears that rivers would continue to overflow, officials said on Thursday.

The flooding, which officials say is the worst in 50 years, was caused after the Kosi river burst a dam in Nepal where it originates, unleashing huge waves of water that smashed mud embankments downstream in Bihar state.

Many villagers offered prayers and slaughtered goats to appease the Kosi, known as Bihar's "river of sorrow" for its regular floods and tendency to

change course.

"We are praying to the river goddess and offering her blood since only she can help us", a village woman in the worst affected Supaul district told a local newspaper.

At least two million people have been forced from their homes and a quarter of a million houses destroyed.

Stranded villagers complained of an unbearable stench from rotting carcasses and the United Nations warned of water-borne disease.

Torrential rains have killed more than 1,000 people in South Asia since the monsoon began.

**REUTERS**

## News in brief

**ART** An Italian museum Thursday defied Pope Benedict and refused to remove a modern art sculpture portraying a crucified green frog holding a beer mug and an egg that the Vatican had condemned as blasphemous. The board of the Museion museum in the northern city of Bolzano decided by a majority vote that the sculpture, created by late German artist Martin Kippenberger, would stay in place.

**ENGLAND** British police charged three men with terrorism offences yesterday over threats to kill Prime Minister Gordon Brown posted on a militant Islamic website. Brown was suggested as a target of suicide attacks unless Britain withdrew its troops from Iraq. Lancashire police said they had charged Ishaq Kanmi, 22, Abbas Iqbal, 23, and Ilyas Iqbal, 21. Two others remained in custody. **REUTERS**

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## Cyprus Breaking free



A woman holds a tiny loggerhead turtle just after it hatched yesterday in Cyprus. The east Mediterranean island, which pioneered turtle conservation in 1978, has recently seen an upsurge in the number of turtle nests.



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**Weak European economy hurts drink makers**

Spirits makers Diageo Plc and Brown-Forman Corp. said waning economies in Western Europe are weighing on earnings as consumers drink less outside the home and more pubs shut down, as well as the costs of grains, glass, packaging and fuel. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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## Technical recession possible: Harper

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday the Canadian economy may slipped into recession but said that if so, it would only be in a technical sense.**

He spoke on the eve of the release of second quarter GDP data, which will show whether Canada has had negative growth for two successive quarters — the most popular technical definition of a recession.

He didn't consider the current economy to be in a "real recession," Harper

said. For some, a recession is when many jobs are lost, but he said the economy remains strong and while employment numbers have softened they remained very high, he said.

**REUTERS**

### U.S. recession

Though a \$152 billion US economic stimulus package staved off a recession, the U.S. is likely to hit one by the end of 2008, the Chamber of Commerce said.

### THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

#### Port of Montreal outperforms:

During the first quarter of 2008, the Port of Montreal reported the 7.9 per cent growth, irrespective of shipping lanes, compared to Vancouver, Halifax and U.S. East Coast ports, according to American Association of Port Authorities statistics. Four of the Port's seven main competitors posted declines.

#### \$6.8B current account surplus:

The current account surplus with the rest of the world expanded further to \$6.8 billion in the second quarter of 2008, led by goods exports. StatsCan attributed these gains to higher prices for some exported commodities, as well as strong foreign demand for Canadian securities, particularly bonds, while foreign direct investment into Canada slowed significantly.

#### Consumer confidence up:

The Consumer Confidence overall index rose between May and August. Pessimism about the economic outlook for 2008 dropped from 38 per cent to 32. The number of people who say they expect their personal financial situation to deteriorate also slid from 20 per cent to 17. Holding steady at 24 per cent were people who said they were worse off now than last year.

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## 14 business

U.S. light sweet crude settled down \$2.56 US at \$115.59 US a barrel yesterday, after the U.S. government and the International Energy Agency pledged to release emergency stockpiles if Tropical Storm Gustav disrupted U.S. oil production. **REUTERS**

## RBC, TD Bank shares jump on positive results

**TORONTO** Royal Bank of Canada beat earnings forecasts and Toronto-Dominion Bank surprised by raising its dividend, highlighting the contrasting banking environments of Canada and the United States.

The news boosted both banks' shares: RBC stock was up 6.2 per cent and TD Bank jumped 5.4 per cent.

RBC and TD reported strong profits in their domestic retail business at 19 per cent and 8 per cent, respectively. But overall, net earnings fell 10 per cent.

**REUTERS**

## Singapore Tech exhibition



Women look at customised colour panels for Dell laptops in a booth at the COMEX information technology and consumers technology exhibition in Singapore yesterday.

## Energy firms shut down as Gustav nears

**HOUSTON** Energy companies began shutting down Gulf of Mexico production Thursday ahead of Tropical Storm Gustav, which could deliver the worst blow to the heart of U.S. offshore oil and natural gas production since 2005.

Shell, BP, Chevron and other companies said they

are evacuating some or all workers from their platforms, while others said they will monitor the storm closely.

The U.S. government and the International Energy Agency said emergency supplies would be provided if supplies are disrupted.

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## Business in brief

**ABCP** Ontario taxpayers are facing a \$106.8 million hit after the Finance Ministry made an ill-fated investment in asset-backed commercial paper. The ministry defended the move, saying the writedown is "quite small."

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**OPEC** Oil demand and supply data being reviewed by OPEC economists ahead of the group's Sept. 9 meeting indicates no need for OPEC to change output policy, despite weaker demand due to a U.S. economic slowdown.

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Stu Barnes, left, a 16-year veteran who spent the last four seasons with the Dallas Stars, announced his retirement yesterday. He will remain with the club, however, signing a two-year contract as an assistant coach. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## NFL reinstates 'Pacman'

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has reinstated cornerback Adam 'Pacman' Jones, left. Goodell granted the former Titans cornerback his reinstatement yesterday, clearing the way for Jones to return to the field, this time as a member of the Dallas Cowboys. Jones, then with Tennessee, was suspended for the entire 2007 season by Goodell for violation of the NFL's personal conduct policy. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Allen ready to return

## YorkReport

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A 45-year-old grandfather who happens to be the leading passer in CFL history is ready to return to the league.

Sources have told Metro that **Damon Allen**, who retired before this season, expects to resurface as a backup quarterback with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Hamilton Tiger-Cats or Toronto Argonauts within 10 days.

For more on this story, as well as some new information concerning Ottawa's increasingly questionable return to the league, check out my newest CFL Report, exclusively at [www.metronews.ca](http://www.metronews.ca).

• Here's the latest from those pursuing an NFL franchise for Toronto:

The Buffalo Bills, despite

## Jays could ship out an infielder

• Don't be surprised if the Los Angeles Angels pick up one of the Toronto Blue Jays' middle infielders before MLB's trade deadline Monday. Sources tell Metro columnist

Marty York that the Angels, determined to add depth for the post-season, have made strong pitches for John McDonald, David Eckstein and Marco Scutaro.

their agreement to play games at the Rogers Centre during the next five seasons, will not — I repeat, will not — permanently move to Toronto.

There's a new plan in place, and it calls for **Ted Rogers** et al to acquire another NFL club, possibly the New Orleans Saints or San Diego Chargers, in time for the 2010 season.

• The so-called NFL experience in Toronto earlier this month, incidentally, turned out to be less-than-enjoyable for many fans, some of whom complained to Rogers customer-service executive **Will Hill**.

The game between the Bills and the Pittsburgh Steelers was tolerable, for preseason play, but everything surrounding it — in-

cluding the ticket prices — were largely loathed.

A notable complaint came from a football fanatic who owns season-ticket subscriptions with the Bills, Steelers, Cleveland Browns, Minnesota Vikings, Miami Dolphins, Jacksonville Jaguars, Oakland Raiders, Kansas City Chiefs and Dallas Cowboys. **Gus Lambrinakos**, co-operator of the Ultimate Touch Football League in Toronto, also owns Argos' season-tickets.

Part of what Lambrinakos wrote to Hill:

"As a season-ticket holder to nine NFL teams (yup — that many), I was truly disappointed with the experience. There (was) no tailgate atmosphere and an awful game-day experi-

ence within the stadium. I'd rank it as the worst ... I've been to and I have gone to hundreds of NFL games. We should let Buffalo host these games as we have no right to ruin this for fans who came all the way here to pay ridiculous ticket prices and get little in return. Seeing tickets with a \$500 face value being re-sold (before kickoff) for \$50 was a shame."

Hill replied, but Lambrinakos remains upset and dissatisfied.

• The NFL's regular season kicks off soon but their telecasts will no longer include commercials featuring moms peddling Campbell Soup.

The company has, er, canned the moms after five years. The reason: Campbell's research shows its target consumers — men in their 30s — have finally achieved soup independence.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.



Julie Coin of France celebrates winning her match against Ana Ivanovic of Serbia at U.S. Open yesterday.

## Coin tosses Ivanovic out in second round

**World No. 1 Ana Ivanovic was knocked out of the U.S. Open in the second round in a shocking 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 upset by French qualifier Julie Coin last night.**

The Serbian suffered the earliest exit by a women's top seed at the U.S. Open since tennis turned professional in 1968.

Lacking match practice after a right thumb injury, the 20-year-old world number one never found her groove against a player ranked 188th in the world, double faulting at key moments and repeatedly netting easy shots or hitting them long.

Coin's compatriot Severine Bremond and Italy's Tathiana Garbin continued a day of upsets. Bremond secured a 7-5 6-3 win over 20th seed Nicole Pietrangeli.

and Garbin beat Hungarian 13th seed Agnes Szavay 5-7 6-2 6-3.

Venus Williams looked set to hand Paraguay's Rossana De Los Rios the dreaded whitewash after bagging the first seven games but eventually canted to a 6-0, 6-3 win.

Her potential quarter-final opponent, sister Serena, also enjoyed an easy ride. She beat Russian Elena Vesnina 6-1 6-1.

On the men's side No. 1 Rafael Nadal fourth seed David Ferrer, sixth seed Andy Murray, No. 7 David Nalbandian ninth seed James Blake and 10th seed Stanislas Wawrinka all advanced.

Toronto's Daniel Nestor and his partner Nenad Zimonjic won in doubles action. **REUTERS**

## Sports in brief

**NFL** The NFL announced yesterday that the Denver Broncos wide receiver Brandon Marshall had his three-game suspension for a violation of the NFL's personal conduct policy reduced to one game following an appeal.



Marshall

**NFL** The Denver Broncos have traded guard Montae Holland to the Dallas Cowboys in exchange for a fifth-round pick in the 2010 NFL Draft.

**NBA** The Memphis Grizzlies have signed free-agent center Hamed Haddadi, who recently played for the Iranian national team in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

**NFL** Indianapolis Colts starting centre Jeff Saturday will reportedly miss the first six weeks of the season due to ligament damage in his right knee.

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## Alberta to host world juniors

**NHL** Hockey Canada, in partnership with the Canadian Hockey League, announced yesterday that the Province of Alberta will host the 2012 IIHF World Junior Championship, in Calgary and Edmonton, TSN.ca is reporting.

The 2012 IIHF World Junior Championship will take place from late December 2011 to early January 2012 in Alberta at the Pengrowth Saddledome in Calgary and Rexall Place in

Edmonton.

"This is an exciting day for hockey fans in Alberta and throughout Canada," said Hockey Canada president and CEO Bob Nicholson.

The Alberta bid was chosen over the other finalist bid from Toronto.

Canada will also host the 2009 IIHF World Junior Championship in Ottawa and the 2010 tourney will be held in Saskatoon and Regina. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Canadian championships heating up

The Canadian sprint canoe-kayak championships continue the next two days on Lake Banook, and the action is just heating up. Preliminary races are over, and finals run 8:30 a.m. to 6:05 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 4:55 p.m. tomorrow. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Banook gets a makeover

## Canoe-kayak course will be upgraded for 2009 worlds

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### Lake Banook will undergo an overhaul over the next 12 months.

With the world sprint canoe-kayak championships less than a year away, plans have been finalized to build a new elite training facility, a new race course and a new underwater starting system, as well as numerous shoreline upgrades.

Canoe '09 made the announcement yesterday at the Austenville Owl's Club, unveiling the infrastructure changes for the Dartmouth venue and naming Aliant as the event's title sponsor.

"A lot of people know Banook is one of the best natural courses in the world and it's renowned for that," said Dartmouth canoeist Andrew Russell, coming off his Olympic debut.

"The idea is to be on the absolute cutting edge here and they're committed to making that happen. These changes will do nothing but better the opportunities for athletes coming up."

The new training facility will be built behind the Banook Tower, complete with waterway boardwalks and a dock system. Natural seating will be built on Silver's Hill behind the Mac Aquatic Club to accommodate more spectators, and an investment will be made to improve the lake's parklands.

The changes to the race course and starting system



Joe Mosher, Aliant vice president of residential marketing, speaks at yesterday's news conference on Lake Banook with Dartmouth Olympian Andrew Russell, right, looking on.

are less exciting for the general public because they won't be visible from the shores. But they are necessary to ensure fair starts and to get the lake up to international standards.

"The biggest thing for us is we're going to take this course we have, one of the best courses in the country, and we're going to make sure it stays that way for the next 20 years," said Lake Echo's Steve Giles, a retired Olympic bronze medalist who is volunteering on the organizing committee.

Giles said the starting system is the biggest expense of the event, noting that more than 10 kilometres of underwater stainless-steel cables haven't been replaced for two decades.

The total budget for the

upgrades and for hosting the 2009 worlds is \$6 million, with money coming from three levels of government, private sponsors, and participation fees.

Aliant is also starting a legacy fund to set aside cash

for Atlantic Canadian athletes and coaches. It will help facilitate development of elite athletes at the new training centre.

Dartmouth hosted the world championships 11 years ago in 1997.

# Canadians eyeing baseball title shot

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**BASEBALL** The Halifax Pelham Canadians have some momentum entering the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League playoffs.

The Canadians beat league-leading and five-time defending provincial champion Dartmouth Moosehead Dry twice in a row in the final month of the season, a big boost heading into their best-of-seven semifinal against the Truro Bearcats.

The series opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Mainland Common.

"Everybody knows what calibre of a team Dartmouth is... They're one of the best in the country and they've proven it time and time again," Canadians head coach Cecil Wright said. "We're coming off an emotional high with those wins." The Canadians went 3-3

against the Dry this season and manhandled the Bearcats with a 5-1 head-to-head record, so on paper, their semifinal chances look good.

Not only is a spot in the final up for grabs, but if Dartmouth beats the Kentville Wildcats in the other semifinal, the Halifax-Truro winner clinches a spot at 2009 nationals.

"We know we're not in for an easy series," Wright said. "But we also feel that with our pitching and defence, if we execute our fundamentals, we should be able to beat anybody."

Halifax's 18-11 record was its best since 2001. Wright said that could be a sign of things to come in the future.

"I'm really pleased with the way this team has come together," he said. "If this team stays together over the next three or four years, Halifax can do some serious damage."



Wright

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N.Y. Yankees	71	62	.534	10½	Colorado	63	72	.467	6
Toronto	68	65	.511	13½	San Francisco	59	74	.444	9
Baltimore	63	70	.474	18½	San Diego	51	82	.383	17
<b>CENTRAL DIVISION</b>									
Chicago Sox	W	L	PCT	GB	<b>YESTERDAY'S RESULTS</b>				
Minnesota	76	57	.571	—	<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>AVG</b>
Cleveland	75	58	.564	1	N.Y. Yankees	3	Boston	2	
Detroit	65	67	.492	10½	Tampa Bay	3	Toronto	2	
Kansas City	64	69	.481	12	Minnesota	2	Oakland		
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Philadelphia	74	60	.552	—	Ludwick StL	441	90	136	.308
Florida	68	66	.507	6	Winn SF	478	72	147	.308
Atlanta	59	75	.440	15	<b>CFL</b>				
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Milwaukee	77	56	.579	6½	Toronto	3	5	0	6
St. Louis	74	60	.552	10	Hamilton	2	6	0	4
Houston	68	66	.507	16	Winnipeg	2	6	0	4
Cincinnati	58	76	.433	26	<b>WEST DIVISION</b>				
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<b>WEST DIVISION</b>					Saskatchewan	6	2	0	12
<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>AL BATTING LEADERS</b>	Calgary	5	3	0	10
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# Voracek drops in for a visit

## Star winger makes brief stop with Moose en route to Columbus

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**If you want to catch one last glimpse of Jakub Voracek in Halifax, you can — and the good news is, it's free.**

The Halifax Mooseheads' star right-winger is planning to hit the ice tonight and tomorrow night for 5-on-5 intra-squad games as the team's training camp opens at Cole Harbour Place.

The bad news is, that's probably it. Voracek isn't playing in any QMJHL exhibition games and leaves Monday to join the Columbus Blue Jackets. Odds are he won't be back, as a summer of hard work should earn him an NHL job.

The 6-foot-2 native of Kladno, Czech Republic, built up 11 pounds of muscle and now checks in at 209 pounds.

"I can feel it when I do

the weights — I can lift bigger weights, two times bigger than I lifted here last year," said Voracek, who lived in Ohio and trained five days a week with other Blue Jackets prospects. "I feel great, all my body feels great, and I'm excited to go on the ice for the scrimmages."

Voracek, 19, has to make the Blue Jackets or he will be returned to the Mooseheads. He can't play in the minors.

Voracek said the Blue Jackets' brass has told him he has "a pretty good chance" of making the team. But they also told him playing in the QMJHL pre-season was out of the question.

"They're scared I'll get injured like Derick Brassard two years ago," Voracek said. "I have to accept it."

Intra-squad games start each night at 7 p.m. Admission is free, although the Mooseheads are collecting



Halifax Mooseheads star winger Jakub Voracek will likely spend most of this season in the NHL with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

donations.

• The Mooseheads acquired 18-year-old defence-man Scott McDonald of Wa-

verley from the Saint John Sea Dogs yesterday, sending an eighth-round pick in 2010 in return.

McDonald, who played just 21 games as a rookie last season, was buried on Saint John's depth chart. Halifax, a much younger team, gives him a chance to earn more ice time. Management likes his mobility and puck-moving ability.

"I'm hoping to get into the top six and hopefully higher than that throughout the season," the 5-foot-11 McDonald said. "I didn't want to go back to Saint John and be the No. 7 defenceman again, so I'm really happy for the opportunity here."

• Mooseheads forward Tomas Knotek didn't get drafted in June, but he'll still get a taste of the NHL next month courtesy of the Minnesota Wild. Knotek, who had 66 points as a rookie last season, will suit up for the Wild at a prospects tournament in Traverse City, Mich., starting Sept. 13.

• American blue-liner Joe Dillon informed the Mooseheads yesterday he is not reporting to camp.

## Shea ready to 'be a fighter'

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**HOCKEY** The QMJHL might be talking about curtailing fighting, but Davey Shea has no plans to tone down his game.

"I'm going to try to enforce and intimidate the other team," the burly 6-foot-1, 233-pound winger said. "Blatantly, I'm going to try and be a fighter, and that's going to be my role."

Halifax arranged a deal yesterday to bring Shea to training camp, although the Bedford native's rights still belong to the Drummondville Voltigeurs. A trade will be arranged if Shea makes the team.

Shea, 19, played 32 games last season, piling up 52 penalty minutes. The Mooseheads were looking for someone to fill the skates of David Bouchard, who led the QMJHL in penalty minutes last season but was traded on Tuesday.

"I know there's no fighting in intra-squad, so I just have to show I can keep up and when we get in the exhibition games, I'll be able to show more about what I'm here to do," Shea said.

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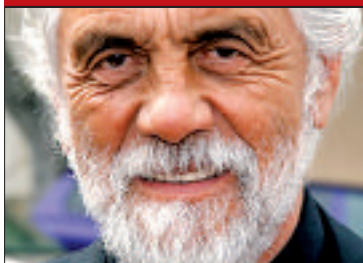
Summer's pretty much over but when temperatures drop, you can seek solace in theatres packed with a bunch of new releases on their way — including Eagle Eye, starring Hollywood bad boy Shia LaBeouf.



The Walkmen create solid collection of rambling rock.



Traitor's plot feels more like anguish than an action film.



Tommy Chong says country music may have killed him.

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# Fall means thoughtful flicks

Here's a look ahead at what theatregoers can expect as the leaves turn

STEVE GOW  
For Metro Canada

I'm sad to say it, but summer is coming to a close. However, with the turning of the leaves always comes the shifting of cinema fare from bloated effects-driven epics to more thoughtful, character-driven entertainment.

Here's Metro's peek at this autumn's most exciting highlights:

**Burn After Reading** (Sept. 12) – Following up on their Oscar-winning flick *No Country For Old Men*, the Coen brothers direct this comic crime-drama with a cast that includes George Clooney and Brad Pitt. Need I say more?

*Burn After Reading* will also have its North American premiere Sept. 5 at the Toronto International Film Festival.

**Righteous Kill** (Sept. 12) – Robert DeNiro and Al Pa-



Mark Wahlberg and Mila Kunis star in *Max Payne*, expected in theatres this October.

cino play retiring cops whose latest investigation lead them to question a case they solved years be-

fore. Also starring Curtis (50 Cent) Jackson. Seriously.

**Eagle Eye** (Sept. 26) – Re-

uniting with *Disturbia* director D.J. Caruso, bad boy Shia LaBeouf is sent running by a mysterious stalk-

ing sadist whom he's never met.

Surprisingly, it's not even based on his experiences with the paparazzi.

**Where the Wild Things**

**Are** (Oct. 3) – Spike Jonze has had problems filming this big-screen version of Maurice Sendak's classic 1963 children's book, but there's no doubt he'll make it great.

Hey, he got *Being John Malkovich* made, didn't he?

**Body of Lies** (Oct. 10) – Leo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe star in this CIA thriller about espionage, terrorism and crooked cops. With Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*) at the helm, it might end up three hours long, but it'll be a solid three hours.

**Max Payne** (Oct. 17) – Yes, it's another movie based on a videogame but with Mark Wahlberg playing a renegade cop battling "enemies beyond the natural world," it'll be anything

but Payne-ful to watch.

Ha! Sorry about that. **W** (Oct. 17) – Oliver Stone has made movies about JFK, Nixon and now George W. Bush. Is it comedy? Drama?

Perhaps both, but one thing's certain: Josh Brolin might get that Oscar nomination he should've received for *No Country For Old Men*.

**High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (Oct. 24) – Okay, so this one's pure fluff but with the HSM phenomenon moving to the big-screen, we couldn't overlook what's sure to be one of the biggest movies of the year.

**Saw V** (Oct. 24) – Opening the same day as *HSM 3*, the latest bloodbath featuring the diabolical Jigsaw Killer won't go unnoticed. If only producers could've combined this with *HSM*! I'd surely pay to see Zac Efron chew off his own forearm to escape from one of Jigsaw's traps.

## Don Cheadle's *Traitor* more anguish movie than action

RICK MCGINNIS  
Metro Canada

**REVIEW** The title of the movie is supposed to suggest the job description of the protagonist, played by Don Cheadle, but you don't have to wait for the movie to end before you're thinking that Cheadle's Samir Horn would probably have been better off in a different line of work.

Jeffrey Nachmanoff's *Traitor* takes its time setting up precisely what Cheadle's Horn does. We get a glimpse of his tragic

childhood in Sudan, and when we rejoin him as an adult, he's selling arms to terrorists and ends up in a Yemeni prison where he becomes tight with his clients.

Eventually, it becomes clear that Horn is a spy working to infiltrate a terrorist network with big plans for another 9/11, and the bulk of the movie concerns his attempts to maintain his cover while two eager FBI agents try to track him down and prevent the attacks.

The look of misery on Cheadle's face as he gets

### Traitor

**Director:** Jeffrey Nachmanoff

**Stars:** Don Cheadle, Guy Pearce, Said Taghmaoui

**Classification:** STC

**Rating:** ★★★½

deeper into the plot makes this more an anguish movie than an action movie.

Horn is made manifestly unhappy by every aspect of his job, from the accidental death of innocents in a bombing he engineers to his very real friendship with Omar

(Said Taghmaoui), his recruiter to the terrorist cell.

He's betraying someone or something with every action he takes, but the film has a very conventional agenda and a place to be when the credits roll, so Horn's anguish just feels like the remains of a plotline left unexplored, and inspires a lot of moral turpitude that slows down the plot and make us wonder — even after the credits have rolled — just what moved Cheadle's Horn to become the world's glummiest spy.



Guy Pearce, left, and Don Cheadle go for the gun.

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## Reel Time

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

# Coen brothers' comedy divides Venice critics

The Coen brothers' latest film, the madcap comedy **Burn After Reading**, has sharply divided the critics, unlike last year's acclaimed **No Country for Old Men**, which won four Oscars including best picture.

Early reviews of the eagerly-awaited picture have begun to appear following its world premiere at the Venice film festival on Wednesday, which brought A-listers George Clooney and Brad Pitt, and hundreds of screaming fans, to the red carpet.

Trade paper *Variety* panned the comic spy spoof, calling it a "flame-out".

"Nothing about the project's execution inspires the feeling that this was ever intended as anything more than a lark, which would be fine if it were a good one," wrote Todd McCarthy.

"As it is, audience teeth-grinding sets in early and never lets up."

Many of the warm words he had for *Burn After Reading* were reserved for Pitt, appearing in a Coen film for the first time.

Like several other critics, McCarthy praised Pitt's portrayal of a naive, hyperactive gym instructor who tries to extort money from a sacked CIA analyst whose sensitive memoirs he stumbles across when a comput-



Brad Pitt rides a water taxi at the Venice film festival yesterday. Pitt and George Clooney star in Ethan and Joel Coen's new spy comedy *Burn After Reading*, which screened at the event.

er disc is dropped by accident.

"Pitt slices the ham very thick indeed, but uniquely emerges as endearing in doing so," he said.

At the other end of the scale was *Screen International's* Lee Marshall, who called the movie "a beautifully produced mix of spy story, U.S. zeitgeist satire and relationship drama."

"(Burn) is a smart urban screwball comedy about the perils of idiocy that uses its all-star cast to dazzling and often hilarious effect."

Wendy Ide of the *Times* in London gave the film four stars out of five, and singled out Pitt and John Malkovich as the best performances.

Malkovich is the heavy-drinking, aggressive CIA analyst, while Clooney, appearing in his third Coen movie, plays an exercise-obsessed federal marshal who cheats on his wife.

Ide's main reservation is that the cast of characters it would be fair to describe as idiotic fails to elicit much sympathy in the audience. "It would perhaps

be more rewarding if we could like the characters as well as laugh at them," Ide concludes.

Kirk Honeycutt of *The Hollywood Reporter*, in a mixed review, calls *Burn* "a minor piece of silliness with all the trappings of an A-list studio movie."

In conclusion, he quotes a line from a CIA officer in the movie who has just been told about the baffling series of events surrounding the missing memoirs.

"Report back to me when it makes sense." **REUTERS**

## Movie morsels

### The House Bunny

● (out of 5)

**REVIEW** Written by the team behind *Legally Blonde* (who must be legally out of ideas), this dud tells the story of an aging model (Anna Faris) who joins a sorority after she's ejected from the *Playboy* Mansion. Attempting to be empowering, the film ends up embarrassing with characters so insipid and one-dimensional that to squeeze any depth from this flick would be like searching for theological subtext in a Jonas Brothers song.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

### The Longshots

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**REVIEW** Directed by Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst (seriously!), this is the true story of a girl (Keke Palmer) inspired to play

football by her uncle (Ice Cube). While Cube is decent enough, the plot moves too quickly and is short on conflict. In the end, that's the film's biggest downfall – sure, it's harmless enough, but *The Longshots'* saccharine intent to inspire is simply overbearing.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

### Star Wars: The Clone Wars

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**REVIEW** The Clone Wars sticks Anakin Skywalker and company in the middle of an intergalactic war between the clones and the droids. In reality, this movie kicks-off a new animated series and highlighting where this film truly belongs – on TV. Sure, it's an interesting combination of CGI and anime but

the story itself is about as compelling as watching somebody play a videogame for 90 minutes.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

### Tropic Thunder

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**REVIEW** Ben Stiller leads the all-star cast of Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr. and even Tom Cruise (in a surprising role that's sure to relieve those who thought he'd all but beamed up to Planet Thetan) in this spoof of Hollywood egos and icons.

Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, a fleeting action star leading the cast of a fictional war film being shot in Southeast Asia.

After the movie goes over budget, the actors are sent into the jungle to capture "real fear in their eyes". Instead, the gang loses their di-

rector, get lost themselves and fall prey to real terrorists. The twist: They're convinced it's all part of the movie. It's a great premise and one that doesn't let down with its cast.

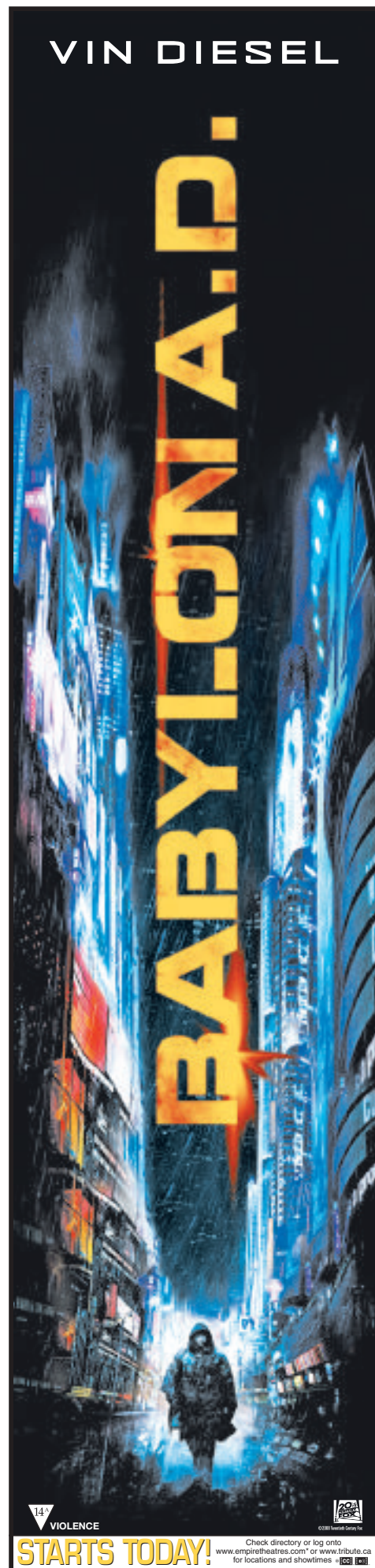
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### Pineapple Express

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**REVIEW** Produced by Judd Apatow and starring Hollywood's favorite court jester Seth Rogen, this film is a *Midnight Run*-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder. Sure, it's a hollow story and the pacing is uneven, but this comedy still works as an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada





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## Screen Times

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Ben Stiller, left, and Robert Downey Jr. are shown in a scene from, *Tropic Thunder*, which is currently in theatres.

This week's new releases are highlighted in red.

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**The Dark Knight** (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30 6:45-10

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**The House Bunny** (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:45-5:30 8-10:30

**Journey to the Center of the Earth** Dolby Stereo Fri-Wed 9 Dolby Stereo Thu 9:50

**Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri 1:30-3

**The Longshots** (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri 6:35 Dolby Stereo Sat-Wed 1:30-3:50 6:35 Dolby Stereo Thu 1:30-3:50

**Mamma Mia! Sing-a-Long** (STC) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 1:20-4:45 9-10

**Mirrors** (18) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:45

**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10

**Pineapple Express** (18) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri 7:05-9:35 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 1:40-4:20 7:05-9:35

**The Rocker** (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 7:10

**The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 1:10-4:40 9-10

**Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20 6:55-9:20

**Step Brothers** (14) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 4:15-6:55 9-10

**Traitor** (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:35-4:57 7:05-9:35

**Tropic Thunder** (18) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15 7:25-9:55

**Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30 6:30-9

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**The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG) Stereo Fri 2:10-6:30-9 Stereo Sat-Mon 2:05-6:30-9 Stereo Tue-Thu 6:30-9

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**College** (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:40-7:15 9:40

**The Dark Knight** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 4:15-7:30

**Death Race** (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:55-4:30 7:05-9:35

**Disaster Movie** (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 2:05-4:30 7:20-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 2:40-7:20 9:45

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**Pineapple Express** (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1:30-4:10 7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 1:55-4:25 7-9:30

**Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45

**Traitor** (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1:25-3:55 6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 1:40-3:55 6:45-9:15

**Tropic Thunder** (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1:20-4:40 9-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 1:35-4:40 9-10



## The bestselling albums on Amazon.ca

1. Viva La Vida, Coldplay (frontman Chris Martin, right); 2. Mamma Mia! Soundtrack, Various Artists; 3. All Hope Is Gone, Slipknot; 4. Two Men with the Blues, Willie Nelson and Wynton Marsalis; 5. Rockferry, Duffy. METRO

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## Music

# You, Me & The Walkmen

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI  
for Metro Canada

Some people never learn. Two years ago, New York-based indie rockers The Walkmen spent months writing and recording their third record, *A Hundred Miles Off*. At the time lead singer Hamilton Leithauser bemoaned the many hours it took to create the disc and vowed never waste so much time again. Fast forward two years.

"This one took even longer. It really did," he says, still exasperated by all the long days he spent working on the band's new disc, *You & Me*.

This time around, Leithauser has no good excuse for why the process took about two years from start to finish. At first he says the band didn't want to make any mistakes, but then admits that he can't understand why they couldn't get it done faster. "I wish I knew," he says. "There



The Walkmen's new album is a solid collection of rambling, Dylan-esque rock tunes.

were just a few versions of the songs, that for one reason or another, I don't know why, but they just sounded absolutely awful."

Maybe the band just needed a warm up recording session. The gravelly voiced songwriter reveals that none of the version of the songs they originally recorded made the finished record. "I think we were premature going in," he says. "I was trying to add string parts and back-up vocals to tracks that

had already been mastered — it was very expensive."

There's also the not so easy task of getting five band members to agree on how a song should sound. That process alone can take a while. "It's always been a matter of working five days a week for us," he explains. "There's endless planning until you like something and then it's a matter of that lasting and matching all five guys' tastes."

Although he still seems frustrated by the experi-

ence, the finished product is what really matters. The morning of our interview, Leithauser finally received his copy of *You & Me*. "We spent so much time on track order and getting the cover right. It's so satisfying to hold the disc in my hands."

Hearing the disc must be rewarding too. Like their previous records, The Walkmen have created a solid collection of rambling, Dylan-esque rock tunes. Sales of the digital

version of the album, *You And Me*, will be donated to a charity in New York.

However, the songs aren't nearly as upbeat as the band's seminal tune *The Rat*. In fact, seven of the album's 14 tracks could be considered waltzes, as they're in 6/8 time.

"We just got bored of rock," says Leithauser, explaining why they abandoned the traditional 4/4 time on half the tracks. "It's a lot easier to write. It's more sweeping and it's just what was working."

Leithauser's not sure if the next album will stray farther from their rock 'n' roll roots, but he better figure it out soon. The group's managed to release a new album about every two years, so at speed they record at, The Walkmen need to head back into the studio right now.

"Yeah, we need to get writing again," he says. "This one was a monster, but we're not going to get back into that."

## Suge Knight faces assault charge

**ARRESTED** Rap music mogul Marion "Suge" Knight was arrested on charges of assault and domestic violence Wednesday after punching his girlfriend and pulling a knife on her, Las Vegas police said.

Knight, 43, co-founder of Death Row Records, also was charged with two drug offenses when he was found to be in possession of ecstasy and the prescription narcotic Hydrocodone, police said.

REUTERS

### TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

- 1 I Kissed A Girl Katy Perry
- 2 Just Dance Lady Gaga
- 3 When I Grow Up Pussycat Dolls
- 4 Disturbia Rihanna
- 5 Lollipop Lil Wayne
- 6 A Milli Lil Wayne
- 7 Dangerous Kardinal Offishall
- 8 Crazy B\*tch Buckcherry
- 9 Shake It Metro Station
- 10 Calabria 2007 Mix Emur

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## AC/DC play by own rules

### SoundCheck

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Much has changed since Feb. 29, 2000, the day that AC/DC released their last album. George W. Bush was not yet U.S. president. The World Trade Center was still standing. The iPod was still more than a year away. And the music industry sold nearly a billion CDs a year.

But on Planet AC/DC (est. 1973), it's business as usual, despite a gap of eight years, seven months and 23 days between albums. When *Black Ice* is released on Oct. 21, it'll sound like 1980 all over again. I heard three new songs last week (including the first single, *Rock'n'Roll Train*, which was released to radio yesterday) and all the sensations of listening to *Back in Black* on

cassette in my '79 Firebird came rushing back. Angus riffs — will he ever run out of guitar riffs? — Brian shreds his throat and the rest of the band burbles like a V8 engine in 4/4 time. Same as it ever was. It's comforting.

While everyone knows that Michael Jackson and Celine Dion sell gazillions of albums, AC/DC isn't far behind. They've sold 200 million albums since 1973, 45 million of which are *Black in Black*. Their back catalogue sales are second to only the Beatles. (Fascinating stat: while U.S. album sales declined 19 per cent last year, sales of AC/DC CDs were up 41 per cent.)

And when they launch the world tour in support of *Black Ice* — which will include a two-pronged Canadian attack — they'll sell millions of tickets



Angus Young and AC/DC have sold 200 million albums since 1973.

TORSTAR FILE PHOTO

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and t-shirts to three generations of fans.

Digital downloads? Selling through iTunes? Not gonna happen. As a rep from their record company told me: "We've had the conversation about digital with them, but they aren't interested." AC/DC is in the business of selling records and CDs. Period.

And they're going to sell a lot of them. While all Canadian retailers will get a shot at selling *Black Ice*, Americans will have to go to Wal-Mart or Sam's Club — the last great sellers of CDs in the US — to buy their copy. Smart move. A similar deal cut with the Eagles helped them sell 2.98 million copies of *Long Road Out of Eden* since last year, 700,000 of which came in the first week. If AC/DC doesn't do a million in the first seven days, I'll be shocked.

More on AC/DC today at ongoinghistory.com.

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## NOTICE - LABOUR DAY

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Monday, Sept. 1st



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Saturday, August 30th

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Entourage is taking flight next month. HBO has partnered with Virgin America airlines to rename the New York JFK to Las Vegas flight "Entourage Air" for the month of September. **TVGUIDE.COM**

## TV

## CTV goes wall-to-wall for Games

**SPECIAL EVENT** CTV, host broadcaster of the 2010 Olympics from Vancouver/Whistler, is planning round-the-clock coverage of the Winter Games.

Keith Pelley, president of the CTV/Rogers Communications consortium that holds the Canadian rights to the Games, has said the broadcaster intends to air or stream every second of the Vancouver/Whistler sporting action across a cluster of domestic TV networks and media platforms.

"With our plethora of rights, consumers will be able to watch what they want and when they want it," Pelley said.

Exploiting Canada's five time zones and home-field advantage, CTV alone will air 22 hours of sporting events and analysis daily.

The CTV/Rogers consortium also holds the Canadian rights to the 2012 Games from London.

REUTERS

# Miniseries achieves high



Everest recounts the story of Canadian Laurie Skreslet's climbing of Mount Everest. It airs Sunday and Monday on CBC at 8 p.m.

VERONICA BOODHAN  
for Metro Canada

**CBC is climbing to catastrophic heights this weekend, airing Everest, a two-part miniseries depicting Canadian Laurie Skreslet's journey to the top of the landmark mountain.**

An all-Canadian cast portrays the roles of the notable ensemble, starring Eric Johnson as Skreslet. Also in the film are Jason Priestley and William Shatner.

The miniseries illustrates Skreslet's story of becoming the first Canadian to reach the top of the peak.

"For me, I read the script and it was this great sort of adventure, a lot of action and a lot of heart," said Johnson. "The prospect of shooting for two months in the Canadian Rockies is also a pretty attractive idea."

Johnson, originally from

Alberta, gravitated to the role, obtaining the opportunity to learn how to climb as part of the film.

To prepare for the role, Johnson met and spoke with Skreslet to learn more about the Canadian climber.

"It was nice being able to talk to him and get an idea of what was going through his mind at the time (of the climb)," said Johnson.

While speaking with Skreslet, Johnson found something they share in common.

"The single-minded determination to make it to the top. For me, I've had the same sort of determination with my career," said Johnson.

Director Graeme Campbell helped choose the actors, including Johnson, for Everest's starring roles. He wanted to capture the

essence of the real lives depicted in the film.

"The people that really did make this climb learned to battle the elements and ultimately, they learn to battle themselves and overcome their own weaknesses to get to the top," said Campbell.

Mount

Everest is more than just a mountain; it symbolizes achievement, according to Campbell. For the audience, he wants each viewer to learn something from the miniseries.

"I want the public to take away a feeling of what it takes to actually get to your best. I think that's what our climbers show and I think our actors portray that very well," said Campbell. "It's a little known story of Canadian history that I think should be told, too."



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**Danner returns to TV with Medium**

Two-time Emmy winner Blythe Danner, right, will return to the small screen next year as a guest star on an episode of *Medium*, reports [tvguide.com](http://tvguide.com). Danner will play Sarah Learning, the mother of an MIA nurse. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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# Writers' strike damage lingers

## IntelleVision



**COMING SOON:** The blast damage done by the writers' strike is still being felt in some pretty strange, even desperate decisions being made by the networks on the eve of the new fall TV season's debuts. Besides the full-court press being made on behalf of 90210 version 2.0 by the CW (OK, I've broken my own rule about not mentioning the show until it debuts — that didn't take long), there's NBC's full order of 22 episodes for the second season of *Chuck*, made before the debut of the comedy's sophomore season.

"This show has really hit its stride and deserves a full-season commitment to carry out the

producers' vision for this unique series," Teri Weinberg, head of the network's development department, told TV Week. It's good to know that they're giving out clairvoyance along with corporate credit cards and seats in the corporate box for Lakers games.

ABC has also renewed *Here Come The Newlyweds*, a reality show that I've never heard of anyone watching, and E! insists that, contrary to previous reports, they haven't canceled *It's Complicated*, the reality vehicle starring Denise "I was married to Charlie Sheen and you saw my bewbies in *Wild Things*" Richards. "The show has not been cancelled," a rep for the network told OK! magazine. "The series has performed well for the network and deci-

sions are still being made regarding a second season."

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though there's no word on whether CBS will be its primetime partner again, a cross-border deal that hadn't been seen in

more than a decade. The Canadian network had better be hoping for another strike, or the complete failure of CBS' primetime roster, if they're going to see a repeat of the deal; for U.S. TV executives, having to import Canadian programming to make up for a scheduling shortfall is only slightly less embarrassing than reviving *American Gladiators*.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



Contrary to recent reports, Denise Richards' reality show, *It's Complicated*, has not been cancelled.

## Entertainment in brief

**FOURTH SEASON** NBC has renewed *America's Got Talent* for a fourth season. Got Talent is the most-watched show of the summer and ranked third among programs in the adults

18 to 49 demographic. The series took a break during NBC's presentation of the Olympics, then resumed Tuesday at 8 p.m. and easily led the night in ratings. **REUTERS**

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HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ** (2004, Romance-Comedy)				20/20 (N)
7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime		Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	America's Toughest Jobs		Childstar * (2004, Comedy-Drama)		
11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Laughs	Air Force Live	Comedy Fest.	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives		CBC News: The National	The Hour	
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		NUMB3RS "End Game"	Swingtown (N)	
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Very Bad Men		Swingtown "Surprise"		NUMB3RS "End Game"	News (N)	
9	9	9	CJCH	eTalk	Jeopardy!	Without a Trace		Win a Date With Tad Hamilton! ** (2004, Romance-Comedy)			News (N)	
36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?			Fox First	
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	America's Toughest Jobs		Dateline NBC (N)		
55	55	55	SCOR	Drive This	Game On	Poker Pacific Poker UK Open.		WWE SmackDown!			Score Tonight	
53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	CFL Pregame	CFL Football BC	Lions at Montreal Alouettes. (HDTV) (Live)				
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Identity"		CSI: Miami "Man Down"			The Cleaner	
70	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News	From the Spirit	renegadePress	Tears	Chiefs-Champ	Courage Under Fire *** (1996, Drama)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Rhythm-Roots	Bravo! Fact	Childstar * (2004, Comedy-Drama)		Don McKellar. (DVS)	Divas	
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning	The Simpsons	South Park	Kathy Griffin
18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live	Cooper 360	
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Canada's Worst Handyman II		Man vs. Wild "Jungle"	Forensic	
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	House Hunters	Green Homes	Extreme Home	Relocation
46	46	46	HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "The Curse"		Cities of the Underworld		Final 24 "JFK Jr"	NCIS	
17	17	17	MM	Punk'd	Instant Star	disBand	Technical Diff.	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Pretty in Pink (1996, Romance-Comedy)		
206	206	206	PIX	(6:15) Red Dawn **		(8:15) Shapeshifter ** (1999, Fantasy)		Paul Nolan		Wild Wild West ** (1999, Action)		
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "Faint Hope"		Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
40	40	40	SLICE	Skin Deep	Opening Soon	End of Leash	Til Debt-Part	Mr. Friday (N)	Your Nanny	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	In Laws
21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear?		What Not to Wear		Jennifer Eight ** (1992, Suspense)		Say Yes-Dress
22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	House	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Mediums			Falcon Beach
27	27	27	YTV	The Next Star (N)		Drake & Josh	Drake and Josh go to Los Angeles.			The Next Star		

## SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	College Football		Law & Order: SVU		College Football Alabama vs. Clemson or Michigan State at California.				
7	7	7	ASN	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	W FIVE		Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis		The Collector
11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Marketplace	The Nature of Things (N)		Nanny McPhee ** (2005, Comedy)		Emma Thompson.		Gosford Park
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight		The Unit (HDTV)		NCIS "In the Zone"		48 Hr. Mystery
6	6	6	CHIF	Andromeda		Largo Winch		Andromeda		renegadePress	renegadePress	News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	W FIVE		Hunt for Justice: The Louise Arbour Story (2005) (DVS)		Chuck (HDTV)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Fox First
36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball: Phillies at Cubs		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (PA)		America's Most Wanted		Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	CW Fall 2008	Primetime Pre.	Chuck (HDTV)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law Order: CI
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update		Score Update		Score Update		Horse Racing Metro Pacer; Breeders' Crown. (Live)		
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		Boxing: Bowe vs. Holyfield		Boxing Friday Night Fights. (HDTV)		NASCAR Racing: Nationwide		
16	16	16	A&E	Iceman Confesses: Secrets		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48
70	70	70	APTN	MYTV (N)	Music Speaks	Rez Bluez		Guides	Fish Out of	Storytellers		Geographic
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo! Videos	The Bravo! Concert Hall		Samba Squad		Soweto Gospel Choir		
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Jim Gaffigan
18	18	18	CNN	This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Supervolcano (N)		Flipping Out		After the Catch Highlights.		Crisis Angel
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin and Justin on the Estate		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Enemy at the Gates *** (2001, War)		Extreme-Home
46	46	46	HIST	Underworld Histories		NCIS "Pilot Decision"		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Greek "Pilot"		Pimp My Ride
17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		Pretty in Pink *** (1996, Romance-Comedy)		Wild Things ** (1998, Suspense)	Kevin Bacon.	The Big Lebowski *** (1998, Comedy)		
206	206	206	PIX	(6) The Formula (1980)		Wild Things ** (1998, Suspense)		Kevin Bacon.				
39	39	39	SHOW	I Know What I Saw (2007, Suspense)		Beverly Mitchell.		Air Speed *** (1998, Drama)	Elisha Cuthbert.			Kenny-Spenny
40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	Vanity Insanity		End of Leash	Newlywed	Spoiled Rotten	Party Mamas	Shear Genius
21	21	21	TLC	Moving Up (HDTV)		Making It Home: Greensburg		Flop House	Hope-Home	The Real Estate Pro		Holmes-Homes
22	22	22	W	House	House	House	House	House	House	Pleasantville *** (1998, Comedy)		
27	27	27	YTV	Frank Patrol	Ghost	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	InuYasha the Movie: Affections Touching Across Time (2001)				InuYasha-Castle

## SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		The 2008 Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon		
7	7	7	ASN	Alice, I Think	Alice, I Think	Funniest Home Videos		The Stork Derby (2002, Docudrama)		Megan Follows.		Mad Men
11	11	11	CBC	Heartland "Born to Run"		Everest (2007, Docudrama)	Eric Johnson, William Shatner.	Big Brother 10 (N)		CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Hairstyle Conf.
32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes		Big Brother 10 (N)		Cold Case "The Road"		CSI: NY
6	6	6	CHIF	renegadePress	Family Guy	Family Guy		Big Brother 10 (N)		Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	Instant Star (N)	Samantha Who	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		CSI: NY "The Ride-In"		Cold Case "The Road"		News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case		Til Death	Til Death	The Simpsons	American Dad	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Dateline NBC		National Treasure ** (2004, Adventure)		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Poker
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	The WWE Experience		BodoFight		500. (HDTV) From Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif. (Live)		
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Pepsi		500. (HDTV) From Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif. (Live)				
16	16	16	A&E	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons Family Jewels		Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons
70	70	70	APTN	Medicine Wmn	Tears	Warriors: TKO	Chiefs-Champ	MYTV	renegadePress	Faithful ** (1996, Comedy)	Cher.	
37	37	37	BRVO	Remembering Arthur		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Allan King		Scent of a Woman *** (1992, Drama)		
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Winnipeg	Laughs	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Net
18	18	18	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
38	38	38	DISC	MythBusters		Megaworld: Canada (N)		Naked Science Rockies.		Mega Builders (N)		MythBusters
34	34	34	HGTV	Flipping Out		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virg	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
46	46	46	HIST	Ultimate Engineering		NCIS "The Weak Link"		Engineering an Empire		Alexander ** (2004, Historical Drama)		
17	17	17	MM	Legally Blonde		Greek		Legally Blonde		Greek		disBand
206	206	206	PIX	Catch-22	(7:45) Licence to Kill *** (1989, Action)	Timothy Dalton.		Erica Durance.		Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goat	Alexander
39	39	39	SHOW	Student Bodies	Billable Hours	I Me Wed (2007, Romance-Comedy)		Wedding SOS	Bulging Brides	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Biggest Loser
40	40	40	SLICE	In Laws	Last 10	X-Weighted		World's Heaviest Man		World's Heaviest Man		Tallest People
21	21	21	TLC	Mystery Diagnosis		Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Diana's Last Day		Legally Blonde ** (2001, Comedy)		
22	22	22	W	Pleasantville	Hwd 10 Best	The Next Star		The Next Star		The Next Star		Falcon Beach
27	27	27	YTV	The Next Star								



## Going Out



Rosanna Arquette

## Rosanna Arquette Halifax bound

**FILM FEST** Rosanna Arquette is Halifax bound. She will be in town for the premiere of Growing Up during next month's Atlantic Film Festival.

## Animal Mechanics premieres Monday

**TV** CBC Television will begin airing Halifax Film's new pre-school series, Animal Mechanics, this Monday at 7:20 a.m. Animal Mechanics is an action and adventure series for pre-schoolers that combines the excitement of monster truck rallies with the fantastic world of mythical animals on cool quests.

## Blues and Beyond fest looking for volunteers

**MUSIC** The Great Atlantic Blues & Beyond Festival is looking for volunteer to fill various roles during the event, which takes place Sept. 19 through 22. In exchange, volunteers will receive a day pass for the day worked, a T-shirt and a meal voucher for \$10. Contact Roxanne Perry at roxanne.perry@hotmail.com or call 222-6002 during evenings only.

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# Chong's country dreams

Star says he'd be dead if he had gone into music instead of comedy

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**Had he stayed in Alberta, Tommy Chong might just well be a country and western performer today.**

"But, I don't think I'd be alive, I'd be dead of alcoholism," said Chong, who grew up in Edmonton and Calgary before finding fame south of the border.

"I was never a singer, I didn't think I could sing," he said on the phone from his Halifax hotel room yesterday. "When I do sing, it is country."

It's the only music that makes me feel like I really belong," Chong — one half of the hippie-stoner group Cheech and Chong — is in Halifax with his wife, Shelby, for three nights of shows at Yuk Yuk's. He was on stage last night and will be back on tonight and tomorrow.

It was music that opened the comedic doors for Chong. He was playing in a blues band and signed to Motown when he made the switch to comedy.

"I had a love of comedy all my life," said the former cast member of That '70s Show. "Even before high school, I always had a best friend. I was always part of a comedy team. We would be doing silly things."

"When I was with Motown, the bass player and I were kind of like a comedy team."

Chong realized he was more into comedy when he would haunt the im-

prov clubs in Chicago more than the blues joints. He later teamed up with Cheech Marin in Vancouver, a partnership that produced a number of films and comedy records.

Chong said his recent troubles in the U.S., which saw him sentenced to nine months for selling bongos and other drug paraphernalia online, was due to his Cheech and Chong days.

"The Bush people declared war on the counterculture. They blamed the counterculture for stopping the Vietnam War, and I think they were afraid we would cause mischief with the Iraq War. So, it was a preemptive strike."

Chong, who recently released a biography, said it was an enlightening experience for him going to jail — the best thing that could have happened.

"It turned me bitter toward the justice department, but in prison I realized there are forces in the universe that will take care of people that do wrong," he said.

"The same force will protect me."

Tommy Chong performs at Yuk Yuk's in Halifax through Saturday.

**"When I was with Motown, the bass player and I were kind of like a comedy team."**

Tommy Chong



GETTY IMAGES

## 22 Minutes, Jeff Douglas nab Gemini nominations

This Hour Has 22-Minutes and Truro-native Jeff Douglas — the I am Canadian guy — is among the Nova Scotia nominees for Gemini Awards. The news satire show is nominated for best comedy program or series, best writing and best ensemble, while Douglas received a nod as best host for his shows Ancestors in the Attic and Working Over Time. Also nominated are CBC Television and produc-

er Geoff D'Eon in the best variety program or series for East Coast Sessions — which featured a number of local musicians. Johanna Lun and Kent Martin of Halifax's Wild East Productions are nominated for best social or political documentary for Forgiveness: Stories of our Time. The Gemini Awards will be handed out on Nov. 28 in Toronto.

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Jeff Douglas

### In brief

**THEATRE** Dartmouth's Eastern Front Theatre has partnered with the Charlottetown Festival to develop new musicals. They will conduct two workshops to develop Canada's Songbird — A Musical Tribute to Anne Murray, and The Passion of Adele H, based on the life of Victor Hugo's youngest daughter.

**ART** More than 25 galleries have now signed up to take part in Nocturne, a nighttime art show that will take place all over Halifax on Saturday, Oct. 18. Metro transit will offer a free shuttle service during the night of the event.

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**Gus' Pub**

Shitkicker, Badseed Overdrive, Amnesty, Orchids Curse, Blackships, Fistfight, and Thy Flesh Consumed on Saturday. 2605 Agricola St.

**clubs****ARGYLE BAR AND GRILL**

Jazz night on Wednesday. 1575 Argyle St.

**BAY LANDING** Open mic with Low Rider on Saturday. 354 Prospect Bay Rd.

**BEARLY'S** Shirley Jackson

on Friday. Theseus Triad matinee on Saturday. Dave James on Saturday. Blues jam with Brad Conrad on Sunday. 1269 Barrington St.

**BIG LEAGUES** Live DJ on Friday. 4 Forest Hills.

**BOOMER'S LOUNGE** Live music on Sunday. 1725 Grafton St.

**BUBBLES MANSION** DJ Savory on Friday. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday. 5287 Prince St.

**CELTIC CORNER** Gig Dogs on Friday and Saturday. 69 Alderney Dr.

**CHEERS** Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday. Forty Fingers on Friday and Saturday. 1743

Grafton St.

**COACH'S PUB** DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

**DAVE DOLITTLES** Karaoke on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

**THE DOME** DJ Doug Phresh on Friday. World dance party on Saturday. 1663 Argyle St.

**DUTCHIE'S PUB** Jeff

Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

**ECONOMY SHOE SHOP** Brian Bourne on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.

**THE FIFE AND DRUM** Skully on Friday and Saturday. 1919 Upper Water St.

**FINBAR'S** Dave MacIsaac and Louis Benoit on Friday

and Saturday. Sunnyside Mall.

**FOGGY GOGGLE** The Band Before Time on Friday. 1667 Argyle St.

**GINGER'S TAVERN** Nicknameless, Magnus Haze on Friday. Comedy on Sunday. 1662 Barrington St.

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**HARBOURFRONT ROOM** Asia and Nu Gruv on Friday through Sunday. Casino Nova Scotia.

**THE JOLLY MUG** Dance and sing on Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

**LION'S HEAD TAVERN** Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

**LOWER DECK** Andrew

Doyle Band, Shameless and Signal Hill on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Historic Properties.

**MARQUEE CLUB** Tomcat Combat on Friday. Country Rocks after party on Saturday. 2037 Gottingen St.

**MENZ BAR** DJ Needles and DJ Bear on Friday and Saturday. 2182 Gottingen St.

**MICHAEL'S BAR & GRILL** Laurie the Guy on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. 6100 Young St.

**MONTES** Silent Thunder on Friday. Lip on Saturday.

Laurie the Guy on Tuesday. 245 Waverley Rd.

**MY SON'S PLACE** Open mic with Low Rider Band on Sunday. 223 Wyse Rd.

**NICHE** Mike Cowie's Waterbabies Jazz Quartet on Friday and Saturday. 1505 Barrington St.

**O'CARROLL'S** Roger Stone and David Dobson on Friday and Saturday. Lisa MacDougal on Sunday. 1860 Upper Water St.

**OLD TRIANGLE** Skivies on Friday and Saturday. Reel East matinee on Saturday. Mike Forbes on Sunday. 5136 Prince St.

**OUR FRIEND'S PUB** Kitchen parties on Monday. John Snyder on Thursday. 19 Norm Newman Dr.

**THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB** DJ Smooth Steve on Friday. DJ Fierce on Saturday. 1721 Brunswick St.

**PARKSIDE PUB** Dance DJ on Friday. H2O Live on Saturday. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

**THE PAVILION** Tears from the Sky, Today I Caught the Plague, Man with Target, Moniker, and Urn of Ashes on Monday. 5816 Cogswell St.

**PEDDLER'S PUB** DJ Mathe-matrix on Friday. Granville Mall.

**POGUE FADO** Soul Kitchen on Friday and Saturday. The Saunders Brothers

matinee on Saturday. Shaydid on Thursday. 1581 Barrington St.

**PORTER'S LAKE PUB** Fire Damage Benefit Dance on Friday. Karaoke on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.

**THE RED FOX** Metro on Friday and Saturday. Open mic on Wednesday. Bayers Road Village.

**THE RED STAG** Bob Lambert musical comedy on Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.

**REFLECTIONS** Chris Morrison & Adam Adler on Friday. DJ HedFones on Saturday. High Heel Awards drag show on Sunday. 5184 Sackville St.

Melanie Doane performs at Casino Nova Scotia Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Call 451-1221 or visit ticketatlantic.com.



Scratch Bastid is hosting a Labour Day weekend party at The Marquee Club this Sunday night. Tickets are \$6 and \$9.

## RODEO LOUNGE

Fandango on Friday and Saturday. 121 Ilsley Ave.

**THE SEAHORSE** The Memories Attack with The Just Barelys, Bloodsport and Hospital Grade on Friday. Carson Downey and Buck and the Truckers on Saturday. Jagged, Andrew Hunter and the Gatherers and Wheeler on Sunday. 1659 Argyle St.

**THE SHORE CLUB** Matt Minglewood on Saturday. 250 Shore Club Rd.

**SNAUBAR** Live entertainment on Friday and Saturday. 1535 Dresden Row.

**THE SPLITE CROW** Barnacle on Friday and Saturday. The House Party Guys on Sunday. 1855 Granville St.

**STAYNER'S WHARF** Brett Ryan on Friday and Saturday. Jeff Goodspeed and friends on Sunday. 5075 George St.

**TRIBECA** Famous Players on Friday. DJ Double A on Saturday. Chris Martin, and The Troubleshooters on Sunday. 1588 Granville St.

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**galleries****ANNA LEONOWEN'S**

Breaking the Grid: Mark-Making and Colour at the Loom, and Using History as Inspiration. Through Sept. 7. 5163 Duke St.

**ARGYLE FINE ART** Distance Forward, new works by Gordon MacDonald, and Aethons Missing, works by Trevor Van den Ejnden. Through Aug. 31

**ART 1274 HOLLIS** Works by local artist. 1274 Hollis St.

**ART GALLERY OF NOVA**

**SCOTIA** Contemporaries, Tom Forestall paintings, and Nova Scotia folk art

exhibition. Various dates. 1723 Hollis St.

**ART-PORT GALLERY** Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.

**CORRIDOR GALLERY** Polar: VANS members' exhibition. Through Aug. 29. 1113 Marginal Rd.

**CRAIG GALLERY** Works by George H. Craig. Through Sept. 14. Alderney Landing.

**DALGOUSIE ART GALLERY** Exalted Beings: Animal Relationships. Through Oct. 5. 6101 University Ave.

**EYELEVEL GALLERY** Works by gallery members. 2063 Gottingen St.

**FRED GALLERY** Works by Kevin Lewis and Melissa Marr. Through Sept. 13. 2606 Agricola St.

**GALLERY PAGE AND STRANGE** Works by various artist. Through summer. Granville Square.

**HARBOURSIDE GALLERY** Asahi: Leveling the Playing Field. Through Sept. 2. Pier 21, 1055 Marginal Rd.

**HYDROSTONE GALLERY** Heather Snider: Recent Paintings. Through Aug. 31. 5519 Young St.

**THE KYBER ICA:** Alastair's MacDonald Songs From the Plays. Through Sept. 7. 1588 Barrington St.

**MARY E. BLACK GALLERY**

The Art of Collection. Through Sept. 4. 1061 Marginal Road.

**MOUNT ST. VINCENT GALLERY** Anthem: Perspectives on Home and Native Land. Through Oct. 5. 166 Bedford Hwy.

**QUEEN STREET STUDIOS** Works by various artists. 50 Queen St.

**SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSI-**

**TY ART GALLERY** Euan MacDonald: Two Places at Once, curated by Ann MacDonald and Barbara Fischer. Opens Sept. 6 through Oct. 12. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.

**SECOND GALLERY** Recent works by gallery artists. Through summer. 6301 Quinpool Rd.

**SEEDS GALLERY** Works by

various artists from NSCAD University. 1892 Hollis St.

**STUDIO 21** New Contemporary works by various artists. Through summer. 1223 Lower Water St.

**UTILITY GALLERY** Jared Betts' Cataract Reality. Through Sept. 20. 5224 Blowers St.

**Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now****1 Damages: Season 1**

Drama and deception is all in a day's work in the legal drama Damages — and we're not just talking about the court cases. Season 1 on DVD features 13 episodes, deleted scenes, a "making of" featurette, commentaries by the cast and crew, and more. Just try to stop watching Glenn Close as litigator Patty Hewes.

**2 September**

The month of September marks the unofficial start of a new year, particularly with students' return to school. Change is in the air, as we say see ya to heat and humidity, say hello to fall fashion in stores, welcome new shows on TV, and watch Ma Nature start to work her magic on the foliage.

**3 Elizabeth Reaser**

Grey's Anatomy fans may remember Elizabeth Reaser as Ava/Rebecca on the show, but now Reaser has a starring role in The Ex List. The CBS show, which debuts this fall, sees Reaser as Bella Bloom, a business owner who learns from a psychic that she has already dated her future husband. If Bella doesn't find him in the next year, though, she'll remain alone forever.

**4 So What, by Pink**

Singer-songwriter Pink appears to moving past the bust-up of her marriage to motocross racer Carey Hart in So What, with lyrics like, "I'm still a rock star/I got my rock moves/ And I don't need you." The upbeat tune with an infectious beat has hit the No. 1 on Canada's iTunes chart.

**5 What Happened to Anna K., by Irina Reyn**

Author Irina Reyn revisits Leo Tolstoy's tragic heroine Anna Karenina, and retools her as 30-something, miserably married Anna, who lives among the Russian-Jewish immigrants in the outer boroughs of New York. Trouble arrives, and its name is David.

**6 The Killer, by Mobile**

Cool cinematography stars in the video for the cool song by Mobile. The clip mostly features the rock band performing on a set, but the dark and futuristic feel of the video showcasing a man on a motorbike matches the song title, naturally. Don't blink or you'll miss the blazing ceiling fan.

**7 Acai**

This little fruit that seems to have popped out of nowhere and into drinks like juices and smoothies, is actually the berry of an Amazon palm tree. Acai (say it with us: ah-sigh-ee) is packed with amino acids, antioxidants and essential fatty acids. It's supposed to taste good, too, like a chocolatey berry.

**... and what's not****Weighty issue on reality show**

Please tell us this is just a rumour: MTV is reportedly set to air a reality show, Model Maker, that will have wannabe models competing to lose weight to reach their runway goal, female-first.co.uk reports. The show will reward the weight-loss winner with \$100,000 US, a modelling portfolio and a personal trainer for a year. MTV producers have reportedly said the show will achieve the weight loss "in a healthy and realistic time span."

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## Celebrity Buzz

## celebrity brief

## Gunn talks looks

**FASHION** Project Runway mentor Tim Gunn recently weighed in on actress Katie Holmes' look, saying he "can't explain it," and now he's chimed in on singer/actress Miley Cyrus. "(Miley Cyrus) is just a little too tarty, forgive me. I don't want her to look like she's going into a convent school, but it's just a little too much for a 15-year-old. If I didn't know better, I'd swear she was 25," Gunn told OK! magazine. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Lohan hits out at dad over friend

**DISPUTE** Lindsay Lohan has lashed out at her father Michael after he accused his daughter's rumoured girlfriend Samantha Ronson of using the actress to increase her own public profile, imdb.com reports. Michael slammed Ronson earlier this week after claiming he had heard rumours she is set to release a tell-all book about her life. "She's using my daughter," he said. "This is not in Lindsay's best interest." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



## Romo 'perfect,' Simpson says

**COUPLES** Singer Jessica Simpson has declared her boyfriend Tony Romo her "perfect guy," People.com reports.

"I just told him today, 'You're the love of my life,'" she told People. "I don't really ever say that to anybody."

Simpson, 28 (as is Dallas Cowboys quarterback Romo), also co-wrote a song for her man, You're My Sunday and, in a true modern-day sign of devotion, changed her cell-phone number and e-mail address to cut off any potential communication from her exes.

"I don't want anybody that's been in my life (before) in my life any more," she said. "I don't even want them to have any way of contacting me."

Romo has- n't

done the same, but Simpson brushed it off. "I'm not a jealous girlfriend," she said.

As for her own one-time relationship with singer John Mayer — which began in 2006 and fizzled out last summer — Simpson survived its rockiness by doing some self-appraisal afterwards. "I had to regain self-esteem and self-value," she said.

When it comes to relationships, Simpson said she gives over her heart fully and expects the same in return: "I just love, so I don't understand when people can't do exactly what I do."

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## Mario Lopez back with ex?

**ROMANCE** Mario Lopez is reportedly back with his ex-girlfriend, Dancing With The Stars partner Karina Smirnoff, imdb.com reports.

The actor split with Smirnoff earlier this year after an 18-month romance, which began when they were paired up as partners on the U.S. reality TV competition.

And the pair appear to be romancing again after being seen canoodling over dinner at New York's Bagatelle restaurant, according to reports. "They were super-flirty," and added that the pair were "very happy, kissing and cuddling," a source said.

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## Campbell lands a pricey 'gift'

**COUPLES** Supermodel Naomi Campbell has finally hit it big with her billionaire boyfriend, Vladimir Doronin, PageSix.com reports.

The two were just in her favourite country, Brazil, where he dropped a cool \$18.5 million US on a penthouse apartment for Campbell in Jardins, the Upper East Side of Sao Paulo, after Campbell told him how much she

loved the country and "wanted to settle down there."

Glamurama.com says the place was a "gift" to the supermodel and the couple will use it as their home in Brazil. Then they travelled to Bahia, where they stayed in a \$50,000-a-day beach house.

Campbell, who's trying to improve her rage-plagued image, is also focusing on being photographed at charitable events and launching a clothing line through 284, the new label from Daslu. "It's for strong women. I hope everybody will like it," she told a local Brazilian paper.

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## Moss art worth millions

**EXHIBIT** A solid gold statue of supermodel Kate Moss is to go on display at the British Museum, imdb.com reports.

The sculpture, valued at \$2.8 million US, has been crafted by artist Marc Quinn.

Tipping the scales at 110 pounds, it is believed to be the largest gold

statue built since the time of ancient Egypt.

Quinn said he chose Moss because she was the closest model to human perfection he could find.

"I thought the next thing to do would be to make a sculpture of the person who is the ideal beauty of the moment."

But even Kate Moss doesn't live up to the image," he said.

The Moss statue will be exhibited at the British Museum in October.

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## "This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

When the shallow, fetid cesspools of

celebrity crap and professional sports ooze into one another, I'm like that guy who ran into that other guy and got chocolate in his peanut butter for the first time.

So it is with the Jessica Simpson-Tony Romo romance. But many Dallas Cowboy fans fear Jessica will do for Romo's team what she's done for country music, namely drag it down to places so low even Garth Brooks' friends wouldn't live or hold jobs there. I've decided to let my friend Bart, Texas native and hardcore Cowboys fan, use this space to offer a rebuttal to Jessica:

"Jessica says Tony's the love of her life, but she doesn't understand that the bond that exists between whoever's taking snaps for the Cowboys and his fans dwarfs it. Has she ever sold her blood for a playoff ticket? Didn't think so. Happiness? Not one of my weddings was half as good as any of the Cowboys' Super Bowls. Jessica says that after John Mayer dumped her, she had to regain her self-esteem. It's been 12 years since the Cowboys won a playoff game, and I guarantee you I'm lower than she ever was. I wish Jessica would go on Bowling With the Stars or whatever and meet somebody, and let Tony do what he does for people like me, who will love him forever, or until he gets injured or loses a lot."

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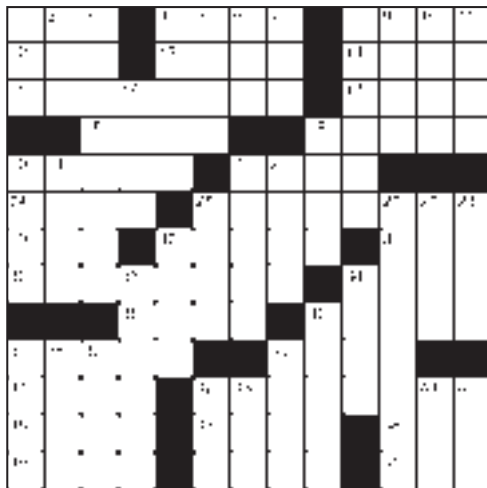
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**Diddy flies commercial**

Hip-hop mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs, right, refuses to pay for expensive fuel costs for his private jet, so instead he travels on commercial airlines, reports femalefirst.co.uk. "Gas prices are too motherf---ing high," he said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

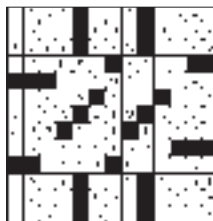
**Take Five****Crossword down**

- 1 Rocky Horror's home
- 2 Id counterpart
- 3 Big name in rubber
- 4 Tending to emote
- 5 Medley
- 6 Stir-fry skillet
- 7 My Name Is Earl star
- 8 July holiday
- 9 Basilica area
- 10 Paula of the Food Network
- 11 Icelandic tales
- 16 Pinochle tactic
- 19 On the briny
- 20 "Get lost!"
- 21 Humdinger
- 22 Abruptly refuses
- 23 Gaelic
- 25 Equitable
- 26 Mirage
- 27 Former surgeon general
- 30 Skewer
- 33 Prejudiced
- 34 Flop on stage
- 36 Spiteful
- 37 Big bothers
- 38 — l'Eveque cheese
- 39 Jam ingredient?
- 40 Clench
- 42 Outstanding
- 43 Office holders
- 44 Jay-el connector
- 45 List-ending abbr.

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**Crossword across**

- 1 Journey segment
- 4 Bay at the moon
- 8 Disappear gradually
- 12 Past
- 13 — vera
- 14 Newspaper pg.
- 15 Overhead item in a TV studio
- 17 Secondhand
- 18 Trial recording
- 19 Sports venue
- 20 With cunning
- 22 A-number-1
- 24 Prompted
- 25 Bad news for commuters
- 29 Carte lead-in
- 30 Taco topping
- 31 High-arc shot
- 32 Toll road
- 34 Amorphous sci-fi villain
- 35 Melodies
- 36 Overthrows
- 37 In two places at once?
- 40 Shapely legs
- 41 Gloomy
- 42 Lightweight motorcycle
- 46 Aware of
- 47 Condo, e.g.
- 48 Feedbag tidbit
- 49 Pack away
- 50 Get a glimpse of
- 51 Big Apple letters

**previous day's answer****Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES**

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

Finding a lost friend will be a relief. A maternal woman will give you hope. An unpredictable chat will take place.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Too much self-discipline will snarl things up. Intoxicated people can't see the big picture. Use your powers of persuasion to fix a relationship.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

An impatient man will tire of waiting. Enjoy the benefits that result from doing hard work. Allow a situation to stabilize on its own.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Anchor yourself in reality by walking. Promptly see a dentist when a toothache flares up. An admirer brings out the best in you.

**LEO**

**JULY 23-AUG 23**

Doubt must be confronted and forced out. A fallen man needs help with his vision. Maintain your silence in regard to someone's loss.

**VIRGO**

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Facts will come to mind when you don't panic. Single out a favorite person for special attention. Someone you love will have second thoughts.

**LIBRA**

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Get cracking on a crazy scheme. A show of unity will modify your mood. Your conscience is bothered about an impulsive act.

**SCORPIO**

**OCT 24-NOV 22**

Dramatic people will entertain you. A do-gooder is dismayed by a disgrace. A brave friend will offer a sanctuary.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Your ability to take charge of your life grows more powerful. A fantastic opportunity will be offered. A biased friend will lose out.

**CAPRICORN**

**DEC 22-JAN 20**

A man is confused by minor obstacles. Insecurity in love will affect your plans. A friend will be careless and suffer from shame.

**AQUARIUS**

**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Finding happiness is the best objective. Being an unlikely hero leads to a new role for you. Your wisdom lifts a friendship to a new plane.

**PISCES**

**FEB 19-MAR 20**

You may have alienated too many people. A dream can contribute to problem solving. A psychic connection improves your mood.

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		1		6			5	
						8		
3	2	7	8	9				4
5		8	6			9		
				7				
		4			1	3		2
8				4	2	6	1	9
		6						
	4			5		7		

**previous day's answer**

4	9	3	1	8	2	6	5	7
7	8	5	3	6	4	1	9	2
2	6	1	9	5	7	8	4	3
8	1	6	5	9	3	7	2	4
9	3	7	4	2	6	5	1	8
5	4	2	7	1	8	3	6	9
1	5	8	2	3	9	4	7	6
3	7	9	6	4	1	2	8	5
6	2	4	8	7	5	9	3	1

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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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13-17..... Scholar

17-21..... Smart  
21-25..... Not bad  
25+..... Keep practising  
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21°

**Tonight**

Variable.  
16°

**Saturday**

Partly cloudy.  
22° / 16°

**Sunday**

Showers.  
20° / 15°

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**Monday**



Partly cloudy.  
19° / 16°

**Temperature Normals**  
High: 21.5°  
Low: 13.3°

**Records**  
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Low: 8.3°/1954

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Moonrise: 4:55 a.m.  
Moonset: 7:20 p.m.

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Limited model shown

**SMART ON GAS.**

A rear three-quarter view of a silver Chevrolet Equinox SUV. The vehicle is shown from the back, highlighting its taillights, rear window with a spoiler, and dual exhaust tips. The Chevrolet bowtie logo is visible on the rear of the tailgate. The license plate area displays 'EQUINOX'. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

Limited 7-passenger model shown

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